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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO TEL AVIV

No. 419

16th September, 1949.

D.4.10 p.m. 16th September, 1949.

Repeated to Washington No. 3037 Saving
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Angora No. 188 "
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Addressed to Tel Aviv telegram No. 419 of
September 16th repeated for information Saving
to Washington, Paris, Angora, Holy See, United
Kingdom Delegation New York, Amman, Jerusalem,
Bagdad, Beirut, Cairo, British Middle East Office
(Cairo).

Jerusalem telegram No. 655 [of 13th September:
Jerusalem].

Please telegraph your comments particularly
on the question whether the Israel Government would
be likely to tolerate or encourage the activities
of terrorists in Jerusalem in the event of
internationalisation or whether they are more likely
to discourage such activities in case they were to
spread into Israel.

3. Please also telegraph any comments on
the following points put to us by Mr. A. Goodman
Political Secretary of the World Agudath Israel.
He has told us that his organisation in Palestine
and elsewhere still wants Jerusalem to be
internationalised although no public statement to
this effect can be made now. He thinks that many
orthodox Jews in Jerusalem, including the Agudath
and such bodies as Neturei Karta, and the Ihud group
would be only too pleased to live under an

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Foreign Office telegram No. 419 to Tel Aviv

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international regime and that the Anglo-Jewish Association, the American Jewish Committee and the Alliance Israelite would support them after the international regime had been established. He admits that this is not true of Mizrahi whose connexion with the terrorists has always been close. Goodman would like to arrange for religious Jewish forces to assist in securing the internationalisation of Jerusalem. His only concrete suggestion is that we draw attention to the evidence of the Agudath before the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine in favour of internationalisation and say that we have no reason to believe that it has changed its views. He thinks that no Agudath leader would say that he had changed his mind. He admits that this might cause a Cabinet crisis in Israel but says that in any event the Agudath is unlikely to remain in the coalition for more than six months.

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S. I. M. E.,
G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

S.L.O. West Africa has reported the existence in French West Africa of a strong rumour that disgruntled Jewish terrorists intend to leave Palestine and make French West Africa their spiritual home.

We have seen no information tending to confirm this rumour, which seems on the face of it most unlikely. If you have any relevant information, please let us know.

J. T. S. Chen

f Sir Percy Sillitoe.

1st March 1949.

DJS/SWF

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2.3.49

For: S.F. 218/Middle East
O.F. 606/1
O.F. 608/1
Original filed in: P.F. 67031 FRIEDMAN-YELLIN, Nathan.

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POLITICAL DISTRIBUTION.FROM MI/FA TO FOREIGN OFFICEMr. Harriott
No. 262

D. 12.26 p.m. 13th February, 1949.

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Repeated Saving to B.M.E.O. (Cairo), U.K. Del. New York
Jerusalem and Budapest, all Saving.IMPORTANT
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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 262 of 13th February
repeated for information Saving B.M.E.O. (Cairo), U.K. Del.
New York, Jerusalem and Budapest.

X You will have read of the release of Friedman Yellin
and X Shmuelewitz the convicted leaders of the Stern Gang
under the general amnesty granted at closing session of
the Provisional Council of State.

2. This is not only a cynical admission that the
Israeli Government has forgotten the murder of Bernadotte,
which in fact I believe they connived at, but also of their
fear for their own skins and of the recognition that they
would not have been able to keep them prisoners. We have
now the edifying spectacle of the first Constituent
Assembly including as members the leaders of both the I.Z.L.
and the L.H.Y. to say nothing of the Communists.

3. The following are the closing sentences of the
report in the Palestine Post of the end of the trial:

"After the verdict Friedman Yellin burst out in an
angry attack against the Court and its integrity, saying
it was merely a perpetuation of the British Courts and that
he would not ask for mercy or amnesty. Although during
delivery of judgment the atmosphere was solemn, in the two
recesses there was talk of the abnormality of the situation
since it seemed that the prisoners would be freed by a
general declaration of amnesty on the very day on which they
were convicted. However a member of the prosecutor's staff
said it was important to determine the status of the L.H.Y.
organisation regardless of the status of the individual."

4. The Court (Lt. Colonels Felixbrodt and Nahum Shadmi
and Major Yaacov Galili) had apparently taken out a life
insurance policy by offering the convicted their immediate
freedom on conditions that they would:

- (1) repudiate underground movements in and outside
Israel.
- (2) Instruct all L.H.Y. members here and abroad to
cease participation in underground movements.
- (3) Submit to police supervision and obey their
orders for two years.

The prisoners made no reply to the Court but later
privately said they would never sign such a declaration.

Foreign Office please pass Saving to B.M.E.O. (Cairo),
U.K. Del. New York, Jerusalem and Budapest as my telegrams
Saving Nos. 4, 44, 6 and 2 respectively.

[Repeated Saving to B.M.E.O. (Cairo), U.K. Del; New
York, Jerusalem and Budapest.]
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ISR GOVT MEYERSON MEMISRAEL MOSCOW BT - *Refers to attempts by the Israeli Govt. to remove the terrorists in Jerusalem. During negotiations between the two sides, the terrorists demanded that, as a condition of their entering the Israeli army, they be allowed to stay in Jerusalem. They also insisted that, in the event of an international regime being imposed on Jerusalem, and the Israeli army being withdrawn, they, the terrorists, would consider themselves free to take such action as they might consider necessary.*

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---HJUOO DANAHHAMEMSHALA BEEMTZAIM LECHASEL IRGUNE
HAPORSHIM BIRUSHALAYIM NEKUDA HUTZA LETZAVOT ALIHEM
LEHITPAREK LIMSOR NISHKAM ULMITGAYES KEKHOL YISRAEL --METEM
LECHOK HATZAVA HECHAL ----GAM AL YERUSHALAYIM VEIM LO
YETZAYTU LEHISHTAMESH BEKHOACH NEKUDA KETOTZAA MEHA ---N
HUSKAM LENASOT ~~KOBEM~~ KOL LEHASHPIA

Govt. rejected these demands & an ultimatum was presented to the terrorists.

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Extract for File No. S.F. 218/ Middle East Name: Terrorist Activities in the M.E.Original in File No.: - Serial: - Receipt Date: -Original from: Daily News Bulletin Under Ref.: Vol. XXIX No. 220 Dated: 22.9.48.Extracted on: 28.10.48. by: E.J.D./R4 Section: R.4.

Extract from Daily News Bulletin issued by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Ltd,
Vol. XXIX. No.220 dated 22.9.48.

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Imprisonment up to Twenty years for Members of Outlawed Groups

The new Emergency Regulations 'For the Prevention of Terrorism' enable the Government to take drastic measures for the suppression of Terrorist organisations. Penalties provided include terms of imprisonment ranging from 15 to 20 years for active participation in the work of such organisations, whereas one to five years' imprisonment is foreseen for ordinary members. Penalties of imprisonment up to three years or a 11,000 fine, or both are threatened to those encouraging or supporting any terrorist organisation. The property of such organisations is liable to confiscation under the Emergency Regulations.

In promulgating the new law, the Government announced that trials for offences coming under these regulations will be held before Military Courts and sentences will be subject to review by the Minister of Defence to

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whom appeals can be made.

Crimes such as murder will be dealt with in the ordinary way and be subject to the penalties provided by criminal law. Thus, Count Bernadotte's murderer will have to face the death penalty.

The chief of Staff, or the Inspector-General of Police are authorised under the Regulations to determine which organisation is to be regarded as terrorist.

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Extract for File No.: S.F. 218 / Middle East Name:
Original in File No.: SF. 92 Jewish / Palestine v.2. Serial: 46c Receipt Date: 21.9.48.
Original from: SIME, (CRPO) CX. Report. 2910 Under Ref: SIME/SF. 3030/PA/B.2 Dated: 15.9.48.
Extracted on: 26.10.48. by: GRWS Section: B.3.a.

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CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE PALESTINE.

Levant States.

(1) A certain Baruch GITLER is reported to head a Jewish Intelligence organisation run by the I.Z.L. and the STERN Gang, with headquarters at TEL AVIV. It is alleged to operate in Syria and the Lebanon. No details are so far available.

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30/10/48

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16th September, 1948.

Ref: SP.218/M.E./B3a/NR.

Dear

Ruth WOLOWELSKI.

Nationality: Swiss. Age: 32.

Swiss Passport No. 937942 issued Geneva,
11.5.39.

Address: 51 Ave. des Alpes, Montreux,
Switzerland.

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Please refer to your CX.99543/C/R.5.X.2. dated
17th October, 1947.

We have now learned from S.I.M.E. that Ruth
WOLOWELSKI, whose particulars are given above, was a
passenger on an aircraft travelling from Johannesburg to
Haifa at the beginning of May. She had apparently arrived
in Johannesburg on 17th May, 1948, from Amsterdam on what
was described as a "family visit". WOLOWELSKI did not come
to the adverse notice of the South African police during
her stay in that country.

It seems likely that this woman is identical with
the one mentioned in your report as a suspected Jewish
terrorist. None of the other persons listed by you have as
yet come to our notice.

Yours sincerely,

NR

Nell Riddell.

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We do, however, appreciate that other than "mauve"
sources will have difficulty in checking any information
on the Russian aspect of this problem and this factor may
be the explanation for our lack of confirmation of the
reports at present under examination.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd)

D.I.A. Hamblen.

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SIME/SF.3501/BE/B.2.

S. I. M. E.,

General Headquarters,

M. E. L.F.

6th September, 1948.

Director General,
Box No. 357, G.P.O.,
London, E.C.1.

20th
Please refer to your letter, SF.218/M.E./B.3.a./HJS
dated 22nd October, 1947.

On 18th May last S.L.O., Nairobi, sent us a nominal
roll of passengers on a special charter Sudair International Airways
plane which passed through Salisbury on 4th May in direct transit
Johannesburg-Haifa. The list included the name of R. WOLOWELSKI.

We therefore asked S.L.O. for further information.
He informed us that WOLOWELSKI, described as a Swiss spinster, aged 32,
arrived at Palmietfontein, Johannesburg, on a "family visit" from
Amsterdam on 17th March, 1948. She was travelling on Swiss passport
No. 937912 issued in Geneva on 11th May, 1939. Her residential address
was given as 51, Ave. des Alpes, Montreaux, Switzerland.

On her arrival in Johannesburg, WOLOWELSKI only had
£5 and her deposit of £75 was paid by Mr. and Mrs. H. TUCKER of
102, Manners Mansions, Joubert Street, Johannesburg, who are reported
to be of good social standing and repute, and against whom nothing is
known from a security standpoint.

Subject did not come to adverse notice of South
African Police during her stay in that country.

P.A.H. Hodgson
P.A.H. Hodgson, Major
for Head of S.I.M.E.

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TO: B3A
REF: SP 218/ME

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FROM JERUSALEM TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul-General.

No. 238. X

D: 7.09 a.m. 7th July, 1948.

7th July, 1948.

R: 9.14 a.m. 7th July, 1948.

Repeated to: Haifa,
Cairo.

Mrs Riddell

PA SE 23/ME

IMMEDIATE

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 238 of
July 7th repeated to Haifa and Cairo for information
of Sir H. Dow.

United States Consulate informed me this morning
that during the night five British subjects resident
at Jerusalem Electric Corporation Plant were arrested
by I.C.L.

2. Belgian Consul-General as chairman of Truce Commission
whose flag [grp.corrupt] on building, went immediately to
investigate and tried to get in touch with me but our
telephone was "out of order". He protested to the Jewish
Agency who promised to take the matter up forthwith.

3. This morning I telephoned Dr. Bernard Joseph of the
Jewish Agency who stated that he sincerely deplored this
action and has promised to do his utmost to get men
released.

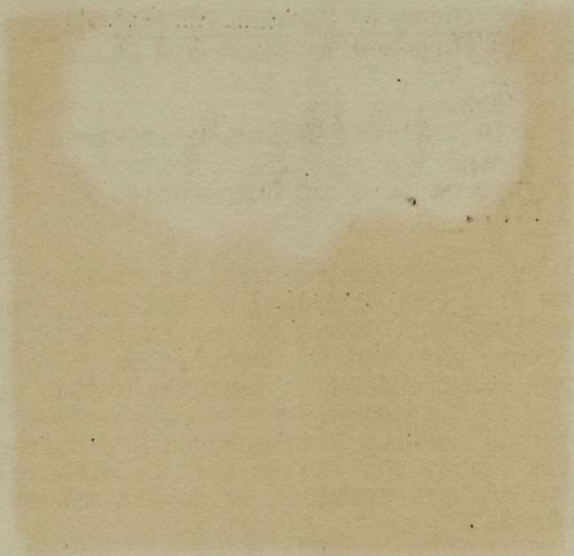
4. Names are Bryant, Sylvester, Downs, Hawkins and
Leach.

5. I will keep you informed.

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15-7-48

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Ref: MD/6415

Assistant Military Attache,

H.B.M. Legation,

Beirut, Lebanon.

26th June, 1948.

Miss Riddle

pn SF218 / Middle East

S.I.M.E.,

G.H.Q. M.E.L.F.

Copy to:- Head Office.

D.T.S. 6.7.48

Kindly refer to my MD/6378 of 18.3.48.

It is regretted that my telegram AMAL/218 was wrongly encyphered but it is hoped that by now you have received a confirmatory copy of the letter.

For your information, as you are no doubt aware, similar communications have been received in Baghdad and Damascus.

Our letter was received via the I.P.C. and after consultation with the local Manager of their organisation, we came to the conclusion that the most likely means of conveyance was from Haifa on a tanker or similar vessel, the letter being dropped unstamped in a letter box in Tripoli and thence delivered to the I.P.C. who, from time to time, act as forwarding authorities for this Legation.

I understand that the Damascus letter was also received marked via the I.P.C.

Mr. Belgrave, the local Manager of the I.P.C., is investigating the matter from his end with a view to tracing, if possible, the sender or courier of the letter.

The matter has been placed in the hands of the local Surete and I am awaiting their comments on it.

You will note that similar action has been taken in Baghdad and Damascus.

No further details are as yet to hand.

Major,
Assistant Military Attache.

DBN/MDB

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ha 5 JUL 1948

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D. J. Scherr, Esq.,
M.I.-5., 356

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS
OF THE
UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

~~Miss Riddle~~

ms SF 218/ME

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20 JUN 1948

TO.....

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Foreign Office,

REF

26/7/48, 1948.

29 JUN 1948

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FROM BAGDAD TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Mack.
No. 681. ✓

D: 5.07 p.m. 22nd June, 1948.

2nd June, 1948.

R: 8.30 p.m. 22nd June, 1948.

Repeated to: Beirut,
Cairo,
Damascus,
Angora.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 681 of June 22nd
repeated for information to Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Angora.

I have received a letter in English posted on June 15th in Tripoli (Lebanon) purporting to come from "the Jewish Gestapo Organisation, Middle East Branch" and to have been sent also to His Majesty's representative at posts to which this telegram is repeated, threatening that unless we resign [grp.undec. ? posts] "52 hours after June 22nd" we will incur the risk of assassination like Lord Moyne and of kidnapping of our families.

2. It may only be a coincidence that I received an anonymous letter posted about two months ago which also threatened me with the fate of Lord Moyne.

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Assistant Military Attache, 258

MD/6378

H.B.M. Legation,

Beirut.

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S.I.M.E.
G.H.Q.
M.E.L.F.

18 June 1948.

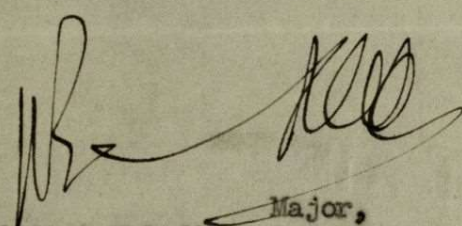
copy to:-
Director General, 255 28/6
Box 500,
Parliament Street, B.O.,
London S.W.1.

Miss Riddell
pa SF 218/Middle East
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Kindly refer to my telegram AMAL/218.

Herewith please find confirmatory copy of letter
in question.

As and when further details regarding mode of
transmission and receipt are obtained, I will inform you.


Major,
Assistant Military Attache.

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25 JUN 1948
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J.G.O

The Jewish Gestapo Organisation,
Middle East Branch.

To all our posts
in the M.E.

It is to be noticed that according to the instruction conveyed to you by the H, all British Diplomatic Representatives in the Middle East should submit their resignation to the dog (thedirty Beven) Minister of Foreign Affairs, 52 hrs after the 22nd. instant.

Should the concerned dirty Britishers refuse to leave their posts, severe measures should be taken to compel these dogs to obey our orders, by assasination, Lord Moyn death should be reminded to all dirty british dogs.

Returns of your military operations since 15 May has not yet been received, and same should reach this post through before the 26th. instant.
Beware of Cairo Police.

J.G.O.

The Jewish Gestapo Organisation.
Middle East Branch.

cc :- To All British Diplomatic Representatives, in:
Beirouth, Damascus, Bagdad, Cairo, Ankara.

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SECRET TELEGRAM RECEIVED IN CIPHER

From : BEIRUT. Office File No. Originator's No. AMAL/218. ✓
repeated S.I.M.E. Date of Origin 18.6.48.
Passed for B.3a. Date of Receipt 19.6.48.
Action to rpt 21.6.48.
Copies to Deciphered by LBV/PS....

TOP SECRET.

Following is copy of type written document received from this (Legation?) from so-called Jewish Gestapo organisation Middle East branch. Begins:- To all our posts in the Middle East. It is to be noticed that according to the instructions conveyed to you by the H, all British diplomatic representatives in the Middle East should submit their resignation to the DOG (the Dirty BEVIN) Minister for Foreign Affairs 52 hours after 22nd instant.

Part Two follows.....

pa SF 218/ME.

TOP SECRET. Further distribution to be made by B.3a.

The text of this telegram is **Unparaphrased**, and must not be distributed outside British Government Departments or Headquarters, or re-transmitted, even in cipher without being **Paraphrased**. Messages marked 'O.T.P.' need not be paraphrased.

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Copy to S.L.B. Mr. Kirby Green.

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SF.218-M.E./Y/B.3.a./NR.

7th June, 1948.

Dear Mr. Barnett,

347a

Please refer to your letter Aliens/40/27 dated 1st June, 1948, about Miss Allegra SABBAN.

This woman has not come to our notice since we originally wrote to you in October 1946, nor has her identity with the suspected terrorist sympathiser ever been definitely established.

In these circumstances we should feel unable to object to her proposed change of employment should the Home Office ask for our opinion.

We should, however, be interested to hear if she should come to your notice in any way in future.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Percy Sillitoe.

J. Barnett, Esq.,
Chief Constable,
City Constabulary,
LEEDS.

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4-6-48.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED "THE CHIEF CONSTABLE," LEEDS.1.
AND NOT TO THE UNDERSIGNED BY NAME.

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Leeds City Police.

Criminal Investigation Department.

Municipal Buildings.

Leeds. 1

1st June 1948.

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PLEASE QUOTE

OUR REF. Aliens/40/27

YOUR REF. O.F.85/22/B.3a/PS

Dear Sir Percy,

re: Miss Allegra SABBAN - Egyptian.

With reference to the above and previous correspondence, I beg to inform you that this alien's landing conditions were varied by the Under Secretary of State to permit her to remain in the United Kingdom until the 8th October, 1948 under Home Office reference S.53833 dated 2nd June, 1947.

It has been made known to this office that Miss Sabban is making an application to the Ministry of Labour to change her employment from that of governess to an accounting machine operator in the Medical Records Office at St. James' Hospital, Leeds.

It is learned that Miss Sabban has considerable experience in the use of accounting machines and that her experience was gained as a member of the clerical staff of the British Army in Egypt. Should the alien be granted permission to change her employment and take up the intended work she would assume the status of a Civil Servant and would undoubtedly have access to important official documents.

It is not known whether or not the Ministry of Labour will consult the Home Office before giving their permission for the change of employment but on the Ministry of Labour permit she can only enter the employment specified on the permit issued to her when she came to the United Kingdom, a condition to which she has hitherto adhered.

Yours faithfully,

J. Barnett
Chief Constable.

Sir Percy Sillitoe, D.L., C.B.E.,
Box No. 500,
Parliament Street B.O.,
LONDON.S.W.1.

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S. I. M. E.,

General Headquarters,

M. E. L. P.

26th April, 1948.

SIDE/SF.3501/EA/B.2.

Lt. Col. P. Perfect,
East Africa High Commission,
Box 601,
Nairobi, Kenya.

✓ Copy to Director General,
Box 500, Parliament Street, B.O.,
London, S.W.1.

MA SF.218/ME

344a.

With reference to your C.C.2064(2) dated
6th April, 1948.

We have the following trace of VROMEN mentioned
in your letter:

VROMEN. In April, 1945, D.S.O., Syria, reported that "a friend
of Jack PADWA (a Jewish business man well-known to London and sus-
pected of terrorist connections) had met one Abraham VROMAN, whom
he suspected of being a member of the Hagana". His particulars
as then noted were:

Nationality: Dutch. Born: 6.12.02 at Enschede.
Holder of Dutch passport No. A.14576 issued Tel Aviv
29.10.44. Occupation: Director American Near East
Company.

It is not apparent from this one letter which refers to VROMAN why
Jack PADWA was mentioned, since there is seemingly no connection
between VROMAN and PADWA. Since PADWA is described in the report
as being possibly connected with Hagana, whilst he is in fact
connected with terrorists, it is possible that VROMAN may equally
have at the time been connected with terrorists and not with the
Hagana.

We have no information on any other personality
mentioned in your letter, but have written to D.S.O.(E) for further
details of SOUSSI and MEDWIN.

P.A.H. Hodgson, Major
for Head of S.I.M.E.

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SF.412/1/B3a/DIAH.

30th April 1948.

Dear

We have recently been reviewing our information on the subject of Soviet collaboration with Jewish Terrorists. Listed below are a limited number of CX reports of which we have no confirmation from other sources.

- (1) CX.88513/G of 22.8.47, para. 5, referring to Stern Gang use of Russian weapons.
- (2) CX.88513 of 26.8.47, para. 6, referring to Russian aid to the I.Z.L.
- (3) CX.99513/G of 8.10.47, referring to Polish support for terrorists.
- (4) CX.88513/B of 13.10.47, paras. 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8, referring to Stern Gang contacts with the U.S.S.R.
- (5) CX.88513/A of 13.4.48, paras. 1 & 2, referring to Stern Gang contacts with Soviet Agents.

In most cases the sources seem accurate in their reporting of Jewish affairs and merely indicate their bias when they suggest Russian implication in these matters. We do have a considerable amount of information which indicates that the Stern Gang, in particular, look to the Soviet Union for support rather than to the Western Powers. We have, however, seen no hard evidence that Jewish Terrorists have in fact been in contact with Soviet agents or have received money or arms from the U.S.S.R. or Soviet satellite powers.

In these circumstances it would be helpful for us to know whether by present standards you consider that any of the sources responsible for the reports mentioned above are "mauve". In this connection we recently received a Palestine C.I.D. report suggesting that the murder of two Poles by the Stern Group was committed under Soviet orders. Do you by any chance think it would serve the interests of the Right Wing Poles to build up a case of Soviet support for Jewish Terrorists in order to justify any action they may wish to take, or may wish us to take, in respect of their own dissidents in the Middle East?

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S.L.O. East Africa.

Joe Ephraim BENGHIAT.

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With reference to your
C.C.2064(2) of 6th April 1948, we
regret we have no record of any
of the persons named in your letter
or the American Near East Corporation.

Sgd. Courtney Young

for Sir Percy Sillitoe.

22nd April, 1948.

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Africa High Commission, **344a**
c/o EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE,
P.O. BOX 601,
NAIROBI, KENYA.

Telegrams: "SUBSIDED," Nairobi.
Telephone: Nairobi 2601—Ex. 277.

6th April, 1948.

C.C.2064(2)

Director General,
London.

N.A.
X Joe Ephraim BENGHIAT X

We have received a request for information regarding the above-named from the British South Africa Police.

L.V. BENGHIAT is a British subject, born in Aden on 13th July, 1903, and is in possession of British Consular Passport No.C.213538 issued in Cairo on 11th January 1946. He arrived in Southern Rhodesia by air on 26th February 1948 for the purpose of settling, and said that he was seeking a business partnership. He declared assets of from £15,000 to £20,000 and stated that for the past ten years he had been senior partner in the American Near East Corporation (Egypt) who carried on business as commission agents at 19, Sh. Adly Pacha, Cairo.

L.V. British South Africa Police have received information, believed to be reliable, that BENGHIAT and his co-directors, A.E. VROMEN, who holds a Dutch Passport and resides at 4, Aronovitis St., Tel Aviv, and a Central European Jew named Leo WEIKSELBAUM, who holds a French passport and resides mostly at the Hotel Edward in Paris, are self-professed Jewish extremists. It is also further stated that BENGHIAT recently offered to buy from a person connected with the disposal of American Army stores all the shell cases he could obtain and it is considered by the B.S.A. Police that this offer was not unrelated to the Palestine situation.

L.V. It is also further suggested that the American Near East Corporation, which also operates from premises at 41, East 42nd Street, New York and 30 Rue des Mathurins, Paris, might be concerned in a network of Currency Regulation Evasion.

L.V. BENGHIAT is said to be, or to have been, associated in business with Raphael Salomon SOUSSI, a French merchant of 13, Rue de la Poste, Alexandria, and a German refugee, Ernst Reuben HEDWIN, whose address is given as c/o Rivoli, 118, Enad el Dine, Cairo. Both these persons have visited Southern Rhodesia within the last year.

We shall be grateful for any information you may have or can obtain regarding BENGHIAT, VROMEN, WEIKSELBAUM, SOUSSI, HEDWIN or the American Near East Corporation.

We have written to the Commissioner of Police, Aden, asking him for information on BENGHIAT.

W. Howard Esq.
P. Perfect, Lt. Colonel,
Security Liaison Officer,
East Africa.

Copy to S.I.M.E.

W. Howard Esq.
13/4/48
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The Haganah, the I.Z.L. and the Stern Gang

The attached report, dated March 6th/8th, comes from Polish sources who are well placed to report on the negotiations between the Jewish military organisations.

Copies to: Foreign Office (Mr. Halford, and Eastern Department),
P.O.E.D. (XXXX), M.I.5.

British authorities, Middle East, informed.

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22nd March, 1948.

PALESTINE - Political.

The HAGANAH, the I.Z.L. and the STERN
GANG.

1. A number of reports have been received from observers with well-placed contacts in Jewish national quarters in Palestine on relations between the Jewish military organisations.
2. Reporting on 6th March last (i.e. before the recent announcement of an agreement between the I.Z.L. and the HAGANAH), one usually well informed correspondent stated that all efforts at establishing common ground between the latter and the dissidents had up to that date remained fruitless. The I.Z.L. and the STERN GANG are reported to have informed the HAGANAH on March 1st that they finally refused to negotiate in the matter of political or military submission to that body. The I.Z.L. announced that it would continue to struggle against the HAGANAH; liaison-officers previously functioning between the two bodies were recalled.
3. At this period the I.Z.L. and STERN GANG are stated to have negotiated with each other on the question of strengthening their fight against the British and the Arabs. The HAGANAH was making strong efforts to obtain inside information on both bodies. It had learned that the I.Z.L. was re-organising and recruiting: that body would when ready start strong armed action and was confident of defeating all opponents in its plan of playing an important role in a Jewish State.
4. A different correspondent, reporting on 8th March, stated that the previous day a stormy meeting was held between representatives of the HAGANAH and the I.Z.L. Eventually the I.Z.L. agreed to co-operate tentatively with the HAGANAH under the latter's ultimate command, and to transfer its agents to the HAGANAH's Intelligence. In return the I.Z.L. demanded that

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the HAGANAH should not fight the STERN GANG until a Jewish State had fully been set up. A preliminary agreement embodying these points was signed on 8th March.

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SF.218-M.E./Y/B.3.a./HLB.

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R. Thistlethwaite, Esq.,
WASHINGTON.

Rev. A.N. MICHAELSON

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With reference to your W.200 dated 5th September, 1947, we have now received from S.I.M.E. a report which reads as follows:-

"Enquiries have revealed that PROUT is a clerk in the employ of Freeman & Company, St. Julians Way, Jerusalem; the money in question was forwarded to PROUT by MICHAELSON to assist in the maintenance of the 'Hebrew Angelical Society' of House Natshall, Upper Baka'a, of which PROUT is a member.

It has also been ascertained, although for reasons as yet unknown, that PROUT did not accept the money order, and that it was returned to the Rev. MICHAELSON in the U.S.A."

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Sir Percy Sillitoe.

7th April, 1948.

HLB/JMW.

JMW-132a
M.H.H.8.

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

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CX/99513/D

R.5.D.

16th March, 1948.

Dear James,

We have received a report from Turkey that an organisation exists in MERSIN to smuggle Jewish Terrorists into Iraq and the Levant States, where their task is to organise cells in BAGHDAD, BASRA, ALEPPO, DAMASCUS and BEIRUT.

The principal routes used are MERSIN - ISKENDERUN - ANTAKYA and MERSIN - GAZI ANTAB.

The head of the Organisation is BAY SHASO a Turkish Jew, residing in apartment Yakoub, 3rd floor, Yogurt Pazari, Hastahane Caddesi, MERSIN. Guides across the frontier are supplied by BAY SHASO's brother, who is a barber in MERSIN. The Syrians are said to be aware of the traffic, and to have taken measures to check it, but the local Turkish authorities are said to be on friendly terms with BAY SHASO.

We have no trace of any of these people.

The Turkish Authorities in ANKARA have seen this report, and comment that there are few "militant" Jews in TURKEY, and that the organisation, if it exists, is more likely to be concerned with smuggling of sugar and gold over the always smuggler-ridden Syro-Turkish frontier.

Yours sincerely,

For

James Robertson Esq.,
M.I.5.

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Extract from "ZIONIST REVIEW" dated 5th March, 1948.

J E R U S A L E M O U T R A G E :

"WE DID IT"

"British League" Letter to M.P.s.

Several M.P.s reported on Wednesday night that they had received a printed pamphlet by air-mail from Jerusalem. Purporting to come from a body calling itself the "British League (Palestine Branch)" it says:

A "Crusade".

"In the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on the site where our Lord Christ was crucified by the impenitent ancestors of those very Jews, who now aspire to mastery of this country, members of the British League took a sacred vow, dedicating themselves to a Crusade against the Jews. Accordingly, on Feb.22, 1948, we attacked the central Jewish quarter of Jerusalem with high explosives, inflicting heavy casualties on the guttersnipes; over 100 killed and 200 injured - all Jews!"

The pamphlet adds: "Nations of the world arise and smite the Jews. Arabs unite and liberate your country. Britons awake and drive out the Jewish-dominated Labour Government. British soldiers and policemen join the British League. Rule Britannia!"

Typed Envelopes.

M.P.s who have received copies of the pamphlet - they were sent in neatly typed envelopes - include Mr. Sidney SILVERMAN, Mr. Barnett JANNER and Mr. Michael FOOT.

Mosley Denial.

In London, a spokesman of Sir Oswald MOSLEY's group asserted that the Union Movement has no branch in Palestine.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 3rd March, 1948.
R. 3rd " " 18.55 hrs.

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Addressed to S. of S.
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" by savingram to B.M.E.O. Cairo.
" " " Beirut.
" " " Amman
" " " Jeddah
" " " Aden
" " " British Consul Aleppo

Incident report 3rd March.

2. Haifa outrage in which army type truck blew up killing 11 Arabs and wounding 27 has been separately reported (not to all). Stern gang have claimed responsibility.

3. Casualties in other incidents were:-

Arabs	killed	3	wounded	12
Jews	"	3	"	14.

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"	- P.S. to Foreign Secretary
War Office	- C.I.G.S.

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Extract from H.Q. Palestine letter GSI 0-1-1
25th February 1948.

Subject: Escape of Jewish Dissidents
on 20 Feb 48.

On 20th February, 1948 between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. the following dangerous convicted Jewish criminals escaped from custody at Central Prison, Jerusalem through a tunnel constructed by the prisoners apparently with external assistance:

- PF 68.09 (1) ^{NT} Mendel BELKOWSKY, alias ^{NT} Menachem CZERNIAKOW, of Nathanya. Member of Stern Gang with I.Z.L. connections. Arrested at Bat Yam in July 1946 with armed gang. Had been sought by police since February 1942.
- (2) ^{NT} Benjamin COHEN, alias ^{NT} FARCHI, of Tel Aviv. Member of Stern Gang. Arrested in June 1946 with armed gang after attack on Railway Workshops.
- NT (3) ^{NT} Josef DAHR of Haifa. Member of Stern Gang. Arrested in June 1946 with armed gang after attack on Railway Workshops.
PF 68.131
- (4) ^{NT} Yehuda FEDER of Jaffa. Member of Stern Gang. Arrested, March 1946 at Tel Aviv carrying firearms.
- NT (5) ^{NT} Meir GOLAN of Jerusalem. Member of Stern Gang. Arrested at Givat Shaul in July 1947 in possession of explosives. Had been sought by police since February 1947 in connection with the murder of British police and other criminal crimes.
- NT (6) ^{NT} Yosef ISRAEL, alias ^{NT} Avishai ISRAELI of Haifa. Member of Stern Gang. Arrested in June 1946 with armed gang after attack on Railway Workshops.
- NT (7) ^{RECORDED} Benjamin NASS, of Tel Aviv. Member of Stern Gang. Arrested carrying arms at Jaffa in September 1946 following armed bank robbery. Had been sought by police since October 1944.
- NT (8) ^{NT} Nissim REUVEN of Tel Aviv. Member of Stern Gang. Arrested following armed encounter with police at Tel Aviv in January 1942. Had been sought by police since November 1941.
PF 68.093
- PF 68.093 (9) ^{NT} Eliahu SAND, alias ^{NT} TAMLER, of Tel Aviv. Member of Stern Gang with I.Z.L. connections. Arrested at Bat Yam with armed gang following encounter with military and police. Had been sought by police since February 1942.
- (10) ^{NT} Matityahu SHMUELIEWITZ of Tel Aviv, alias ^{NT} LEWIN, alias ^{NT} BIRENBAUM. Member of Stern Gang. Arrested April 1944 following attempt to murder police officer. Escaped May 1947 and recaptured. Had been sought by police since November 1943 when he escaped from detention.
- (11) ^{NT} Josef SIMCHON of Tel Aviv. Member of I.Z.L. Arrested March 1946 at Rishon after attack on military.
- (12) ^{NT} Moshe SVORAI of Kiriath Motzkin. Member of Stern Gang. Arrested January 1942 following armed encounter with police. Had been sought by police since June 1940.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

En Clair.

FROM PALESTINE (GEN. SIR A. CUNNINGHAM).

D. 20th February, 1948.
R. 20th " " 18.55 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 427. ✓

Addressed to Secretary of State.
Repeated to Washington No. 109.
" " UKDEL New York No. 447.
" " Damascus No. 448.
" by savingram to B.M.E.O. (please pass to
Ambassador and C.-in-C.)
" " " " Beirut
" " " " Amman
" " " " Jedda
" " " " Aden
" " " " British Consul Aleppo.

Incident Report 19th February.

(1) During the afternoon in Jerusalem 4 armed Jews shot 2 British soldiers killing one and wounding the other. Later in the afternoon a British constable was shot in the back and seriously wounded. Responsibility has been claimed by I.Z.L. as reprisal for military damage to Jewish property in Jerusalem.

(2) During the evening at Beit Dajan, Lydda District, a British soldier who entered village to investigate shooting was shot dead by Arab villagers. Other British soldiers then opened fire, killing 2 and wounding 4 of the villagers.

(3) In Haifa a Jewish bus was fired on by unknown persons. 4 Jews were killed and 3 wounded. A British constable was also wounded.

(4) In other incidents casualties were:-

Arabs - 1 killed, 13 wounded
Jews - 2 killed, 6 wounded.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 13th January, 1948.

R. 13th " " 20.25 hrs.

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" " B.M.E.O. No. 9 (Please pass to
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" " Beirut, No. 97.
" " Damascus, No. 98.
" " Amman, No. 99.
" " Jedda, No. 10.
" " Aden, No. 100.
" " British Consul Aleppo, No. 101.

Incident Report 12th January.

1. At noon yesterday, armed Jews raided Barclays Bank in Tel Aviv and stole approximately £15,000.
2. Firing broke out early in the morning between Megor Haim, Jewish Quarter, Jerusalem and Beit Safafa, Arab village. An ice factory and flour mill in Beit Safafa were set on fire. Army Fire Brigade proceeding to scene was fired on by Arabs and in resultant engagement three Arabs were killed and seven British soldiers wounded.
3. In other incidents, following casualties resulted.
British 1 soldier wounded.
Arabs 1 killed, eight injured.
Jews 3 killed, seven injured.
Others 2 injured.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

En Clair

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham) 7/1

D. 5th January, 1948.

R. 5th " " 14.25 hrs.

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It is now learned that the acting Consul-General of Spain in Jerusalem, Senor Don Manuel Allen de Salazar Y Travesedo, was in the Semiramis Hotel, Jerusalem, at the time of its destruction last night and was killed. I shall be grateful if in informing Spanish Government you will, if you see no objection, convey to it expressions of my condolence and deep regret for the death of this officer and of the horror and condemnation with which I regard the dastardly crime which caused it.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A Cunningham) ..

D. 5th January, 1948.

R. 5th " " 14.40 hrs.

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Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated Washington.

" B.N.E.O. (please pass to Ambassador and
C.-in -C.)

" Beirut
" Damascus
" Amman
" Jeddah
" Aden
" British Consul Aleppo

Special Incident Report.

1. At 12.40 hours 4th January, Social Welfare offices were completely demolished and old Governorate building in Jaffa, which houses offices of Arab National Committee, was partly demolished by an explosion in which 15 persons were killed, 20 seriously and 58 slightly injured. Practically all Arabs' buildings nearby, including Central Police Station and Barclay's Bank, were extensively damaged. I.Z.L. later claimed responsibility.

2. At 01.17 hours, 5th January, a grenade was thrown into Semiramis Hotel, Jerusalem, causing slight damage. No casualties. Immediately afterwards an explosion occurred which completely demolished front half of building. One Arab was later found dead in vicinity, 15 persons are missing and 2 persons were injured. Among missing is Senor Manuel Alandi Salazar, acting Spanish Consul.

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 - Sir H. Wilson Smith.
 - Private Secretary.
 - Private Secretary.
 - Air Commodore J.C. Webb.

INWARD TELEGRAM

31 DEC 1947

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 26th December, 1947.

R. 26th " " 12.30 hrs.

No. 2509 Secret.

Pa. SF 218/M.E.

Following for Trafford Smith.

Amongst the incidents of the past 24 hours are the following:-

(a) At 23.00 hours in Tel Aviv a party of four British soldiers leaving a cafe were accosted by two Jewish youths who opened fire on them killing two and wounding the third in the head and the fourth in both legs.

(b) At 22.00 hours in Haifa a British employee of A.P.C. was found dead with gunshot wound in chest. His name is given as Christopher William Thornton (repeat Thornton).

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- Mr. J.C. Robertson
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- P.S. to Foreign Secretary

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18 DEC 1947

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

REF

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 14th December, 1947.

R. 14th " " 19.50 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

Not numbered.

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to Washington,
" to B.M.E.O., (please pass to Ambassador
and C.-in-C.).
" to Beirut.
" to Damascus.
" to Baghdad.
" to Jeddah.
" to Aden.
" to Amman.
" to British Consul, Aleppo.

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18/12

Begins.

Local reaction to U.N. decision.

Acts of violence continued throughout the country.
The following are the major incidents since my telegram
No 2418.

2. (a) Jerusalem district.

(I) At noon 13th December, near Damascus gate in
Jerusalem, two bombs were thrown from a moving taxi. They
exploded near two buses killing seven and injuring 54, nearly
all Arabs. During police investigations immediately after the
incident, a British constable was fired on by Arabs and
seriously wounded.

(II) Early this morning, Jews threw two grenades at
an Arab bus in Jerusalem. The bombs missed the bus and exploded
on waste ground killing an Arab child. One Arab passenger in
the bus was injured.

(b) Lydda district.

(I) In Jaffa yesterday afternoon, a bomb was
thrown from a motor vehicle wrecking a cafe and a store,
killing 7 and injuring 35 Arabs.

(II) In Tel-Aviv yesterday afternoon, an Arab was
shot in the leg by Jews.

(III) Yesterday afternoon approximately 25 persons,
believed Jews, entered Arab village of Yahudiya and opened an
indiscriminate attack with Bren guns, bombs and hand grenades.
7 Arabs, including a woman and children, were murdered and at
least 7 others were injured. Several houses were damaged by
explosives. The attackers were dressed in military type uniforms
with steel helmets.

(IV)

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(IV) During the night of 13th December, a gang of Arab civilians forced their way into a military camp at Ramle, imprisoned the British Officer in Charge, and absconded with 400 rifles, 3 Bren guns, 30 Sten guns and 100,000 rounds of ammunition. Subsequently 76 rifles, 3 Bren guns and 7 Sten guns were recovered from a truck stopped by a military road block.

(c) Haifa.

(I) In the afternoon of 12th December, a Jewish works foreman of Haifa Bay waterworks was shot dead outside the Shell installations while driving a truck.

(II) A thirtyfive hour curfew is in force in the Hadar Hacarmel and Mount Carmel areas of Haifa. It is due to expire at 05.00 hours 15th December.

(d) Galilee.

(I) During the afternoon of 13th December, two Arabs from the Lebanon were walking in direction of Kefer Giladi when a Jew made to fire at them. The Arabs disarmed the Jew who shouted for help and 30 other armed Jews arrived on the scene. One of these Jews threw a grenade and wounded one of the Arabs. The latter withdrew into Lebanon territory.

(II) Heavy firing between Arabs and Jews broke out on 13th December in Safad. Two Arabs and two Jewish casualties are known to have resulted. Order was restored when a house curfew was imposed.

(III) Early this morning an Arab bus was ambushed on the Beisan-Jisr Majami road and was gutted. Police later investigating found a hat of Jewish manufacture and explosive materials. The driver of the buss and two Arab passengers were injured in the ambush.

(e) Gaza.

(I) During the morning of 11th December, in the Imara police post area, an Arab was shot dead by five Jews. These Jews were subsequently engaged by other Arabs and three of them were killed by the explosion of one of their own bombs.

(II) During the night of 13th December a police patrol at Rs Sawafir El Gharbiya was fired upon by unknown persons and two British constables were wounded.

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" "	- P.S. to Foreign Secretary.

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Copy to: S.I.M.E., G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

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D.S.O. Palestine.

S.F. 84.919
+ Vicki ABRAHAM and Meir MOSCOVITZ. *

Special Branch, New Scotland Yard, have received an anonymous letter from Bombay informing them that a certain Miss Vicki ABRAHAM who left Bombay on 12th November, 1947, on the s.s. 'Atlantis' for London is making the journey in order to gain illegal entry into Palestine in order to join one of the terrorist organisations there. She is reported to be under the influence of a certain Mr. Meir MOSCOVITZ, a resident of Haifa and a member of one of the terrorist organisations. At the time the anonymous informant wrote his letter, date not given, MOSCOVITZ was reported to be in London. Miss ABRAHAM is reported to be "quite a harmless girl" were it not for the bad influence of MOSCOVITZ.

There is no record of either of these persons entering into the U.K. and Special Branch have arranged to be informed should they arrive in this country.

We have no record in this office of either of these persons and pass you the foregoing information for what it may be worth.

12th December, 1947.

HP.
for Sir Percy Sillitoe.

15/12/47
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321A

S.F.218/M.E/B.3.a/HJS.

11th December, 1947.

Dear

Jewish terrorists.

305A

With reference to your CX.99513/
C/R.5.X.2. of 16th October 1947, D.S.O.
Palestine have informed us that neither
they nor the Jerusalem C.I.D. have any
record of the named alleged terrorists.
Any further information you may receive
regarding these individuals would be
appreciated.

Yours

H.S.

H.J. Seager.

16/12/47

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Extract for File No. *no* *Riddle East.* *3204* ~~S.F. 218/Palestine.~~ Name:Original in File No. *L. 411/34.* Serial: *95.* Receipt Date: *9.12.47.*Original from: *Pol. Int. Review, M.E.* Under Ref.: Dated: *28.11.47.*Extracted on *5.2.48.* by: *PCR* Section: *R4.*

Extract from Political Intelligence Centre, Middle East
Fortnightly Intelligence Review N. 95, dated 28.11.47.

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Terrorist activities.

A series of revolting murders has been perpetrated by the Stern Group during the fortnight, as "reprisals" for the clash between the security forces and the Stern Group in which two Jewish youths and three girls were killed. The outbreak began on 13 November when four British civilians and one British constable were killed in Haifa and three British constables and two British soldiers killed, and 28 injured in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Two of the soldiers injured in Jerusalem subsequently died. On 20th November, 4 Arabs were taken from their village and killed by the Stern Group for leading the security forces to the house where the Stern Group were training. A fifth Arab who was injured died a few days later. The Palestine government denied that the Arab victims had been in any way connected with the discovery of the Stern training ground. Arab reaction took the form of ambushing a Jewish bus and firing at a river boat near Tel Aviv but no Jews were killed.

..... *28.11.48*

S.B.

Special Branch,

New Scotland Yard,

LONDON, S.W.1.

Pa. S F 218/1415

8th December, 1947.

M.I.5.

(For the attention of Mr. H.J. Seager)

Attached, for your information, is a copy of a report concerning Vicki ABRAHAM and Meir MOSCOVITZ who are alleged to be concerned with Jewish terrorist organisations.

P.F. 84,919

Enquiries were made regarding the above named persons because of the following paragraph in an anonymous letter received in this office from Bombay:

"Just a few lines to inform you that Miss Vicki Abraham who left Bombay on the 12th November via the s.s. 'Atlantis' bound for London is making the journey in an attempt to smuggle into Palestine to join the Terrorist Gangs there. She is under a strong influence of one Mr. Meir Moscovitz - resident of Haifa and member of the terrorist movt. at present in London - who is directing her. Otherwise she is quite a harmless girl full of ideals."

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DEPUTY COMMANDER.

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DEFENCE SECURITY OFFICE.

PALESTINE AND TRANSJORDAN

XB32CB

26th November, 1947.

Director General of the Security Service,
Box 500, Parliament Street, B.O.,
London, S.W.1.

Copy to Head of S.I.M.E.,
G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

PA-SF218/ME.

308A. H.P.

11/12

I refer to your SF.218/ME/B3a/HJS
of 22nd October, 1947, concerning:

- a. Leib KROJANCK
- b. Miriam KROJANCK (wife of a.)
- c. Max KUTNER
- d. Leib MEISEL
- e. Ruth WOLOWELSKI

who were reported by a reliable and well placed
source to be members of either the I.Z.L. or
the Stern Group.

2. Neither the Police nor this
Office have any record of these individuals.
Should you receive any further personal parti-
culars, the Jerusalem C.I.D. would be most
grateful to have the additional information.

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8 DEC 1947

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Defence Security Officer,
Palestine.
(C.J.H. Foulkes).

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METROPOLITAN POLICE (Special Branch)

SPECIAL REPORT.

6th day of December, 1947

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SUBJECT
ABRAHAM, V.

MOSCOVITZ, M.

REFERENCE TO
PAPERS.

With reference to the anonymous letter received in Special Branch from Bombay on 24.11.1947 regarding Vicki ABRAHAM and Meir MOSCOVITZ, alleged to be associated with Jewish terrorist organizations:

r.f. 84,919

Search has been made in Home Office Traffic Index and Aliens Central Registry but there is no trace of these persons and they cannot be identified in Metropolitan Police records. Arrangements have been made with Home Office Traffic Index for me to be informed should they come to the notice of that department when a further report will be submitted.

Abraham
P.S.

Submitted.

E. L. Lundy
Inspector.

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A. E. Jones
SUPERINTENDENT.

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S.F.218/M.E/B.3.a/HJS.

1st December, 1947.

Dear

Dr. Paul STRAHOVSKY, formerly
Pavel STEINHAUER.

306A.
Further to my even reference of
20th October 1947, our Jerusalem
representative informs us that neither
he nor the Palestine C.I.D. have any
record of the above-named.

Yours

H.S.

H.J. Seager.

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DEFENCE SECURITY OFFICE,
PALESTINE AND TRANSJORDAN

XB32CB

17th November, 1947.

Director General of the Security Service,
Box 500, Parliament Street, B.O.,
London, S.W.1.

Copy to Head of S.I.M.E.,
G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

Pa. HR.
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307a.

Please refer to your SF.218/ME/B3a/HJS
of 20th October, 1947, relative to the activities
of Dr. Paul STR. HOVSKY, formerly Pavel STEINHAUER,
who, it is stated, is a prominent member of the
Stern Group in Palestine.

2. Neither the Palestine Police nor this
Office have any record of this person.

[Signature]

Defence Security Officer,
Palestine.
(C.J.H. Foulkes).

PAE/MW

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27 NOV 1947
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TO
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28.11.47

INWARD TELEGRAM

25 NOV 1947

317A

En Clair

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 21st November, 1947.

R. 21st " " 14.45 hrs.

No.2222

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to Washington, No.267.
" to B.M.E.O., No.181 (please pass copy to
Ambassador and C.-in-C.).
" to Amman, No.1513.
" by savingram No.781, to Damascus.

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Terrorist incidents.

Casualties in incident reported in my telegram
No.2212 are now 4 dead and one seriously injured.

2. At 22.05 hours on 20th November outside Jaffa, a Jewish
bus was attacked with automatic fire and an explosion also
occurred. One Jewish passenger was seriously injured and
four other persons were slightly injured.

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Foreign Office	- Private Secretary.
" "	- Mr. C.W. Baxter.
" "	- Mr. H. Butler.
" "	- Dominions Intelligence Dept.
" " (Research Dept.)	- Air Commodore K.C. Buss.
" " (Middle East Secretariat)	- Mr. D.A. Greenhill.
" " " "	- Maj.Gen. A.J.C. Pollock.
M.I.5.	- Mr. J.C. Robertson.
Cabinet Offices	- Gen. Sir L. Hollis.
" "	- Mr. T.A.G. Charlton.
" "	- Grp.Capt. Stapleton.
Admiralty	- Chief of Naval Staff.
War Office	- C.I.G.S.
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" " (M.I.3a)	- Major C. de B. de Lisle.
" " (M.O.4.)	- Lt.Col. M.M. Charteris.
Air Ministry	- Chief of Air Staff.
Ministry of Defence	- Private Secretary.
" " "	- Sir Henry Wilson Smith.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

22 NOV 1947

TO B3A TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

REF

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 20th November, 1947.

R. 20th " " 14.00 hrs.

No.2212

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington, No.266.

" to B.M.E.O., Cairo, No.180 (please pass to Ambassador and Commander-in-Chief)

" to Amman, No.1603.

" by savingram No.779 to Damascus.

Terrorist incidents.

This morning an Arab reported to local Police that at 04.00 hours four Jews visited an Arab house near Raanana and took house owner and two sons and two nephews outside. Informant subsequently heard shooting and saw all five Arabs fall to ground. The five Arabs were taken to hospital, three were dead and two seriously injured.

2. Three J.S.P.s were fired on during night near Rehovoth, no casualties.

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" "	- Mr. N. Butler.
" "	- Dominions Intelligence Dept.
" " (Research Dept.)	- Air Commodore K.C. Buss.
" " (Middle East Secretariat)	
" " " " "	- Mr. D.A. Greenhill.
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" "	- Group Capt. Stapleton.
Admiralty	- Mr. T.A.G. Charlton.
War Office	- Chief of Naval Staff.
" (M.I.3.)	- C.I.G.S.
" (M.I.3a)	- Lt. Col. D.W. Price.
" (M.O.4.)	- Major C. de B. de Lisle.
Air Ministry	- Lt. Col. M.M. Charteris.
Ministry of Defence	- Chief of Air Staff.
" " "	- Private Secretary.
	- Sir Henry Wilson Smith.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

En Clair

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ENCL..... FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

22 NOV 1947

D. 17th November, 1947.

TO..... B3A R. 17th " " 19.30 hrs.

REF..... No. 2178

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to Washington, No. 263.
" to B.M.E.O., No. 179 (please pass copy to
Ambassador and C.-in-C.).
" to Amman, No. 1585.
" by airmail No. 775 to Damascus.

Terrorist incidents.

At 1030 hours on 16th November a number of armed men held up and disarmed the Police Guard present in the General Post Office Tel-Aviv to supervise transfer of diamonds to consignees. Premises were searched for the diamond consignment, which had not yet arrived. Raiders then withdrew empty handed.

2. At 1300 hours today a Jewish diamond broker was held up in Tel-Aviv and 22,200 worth of diamonds stolen by armed men.

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" "	- Mr. N. Butler.
" "	- Dominions Intelligence Dept.
" " (Research Dept.)	- Air Commodore K.C. Buss.
" " (Middle East Secretariat)	
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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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REF.....

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 14th November, 1947.

R. 14th " " 14.10 hrs.

No. 2152

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington, No. 257.

" " B.M.E.O., No. 176.

" " Amman, No. 1560.

" by savingram to Damascus, No. 756.

Terrorist incidents on 13th November.

(i) At 2055 hours three British employees of the Shell Company and one British employee of the Socony Company were fired on by unknown persons in a Haifa street. Two were killed instantly and the other two died later in hospital.

(ii) At 2300 hours two British Constables were fired on in Haifa by unknown persons but were not injured.

(iii) In Jerusalem at 2055 hours three grenades were thrown through the entrance of a cafe. Twentyfive soldiers were injured, five of them seriously.

(iv) Shortly before (iii), two British Constables were fired on in the same vicinity. One was instantly killed and one was dangerously wounded.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 14th November, 1947.

R. 14th " " 14.10 hrs.

No. 2155

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington, No. 258.

" to MEMIN, No. 177 (please pass copy to Ambassador and C.-in-C.)

" to Amman, No. 1561.

" by airmail to Damascus, No. 758.

Terrorist incidents.

At 1145 today two British soldiers were shot dead in Tel Aviv.

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" " (M.O. 4.)

Air Ministry

Ministry of Defence

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- F.S. to Prime Minister.

- Mr. J.A.R. Pimlott.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 14th November, 1947.

R. 14th

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16.35 hrs.

No. 2160

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington, No. 259.

" to B.M.E.O. No. 178, (please pass to Ambassador and C.-in-C.)

" to Amman, No. 1564.

" by savingram to Damascus, No. 759.

Terrorist incidents.

At 1320 today in Jaffa Road, Jerusalem, two British Constables in plain clothes were attacked by two Jewish youths with automatic fire and both sustained fatal injuries.

Copies sent to:-

No. 10 Downing Street

Lord President of the Council

Foreign Office

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Secretariat)

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Air Ministry

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- P.S. to Prime Minister.

- Mr. J.A.R. Pinlott.

- Private Secretary.

- Mr. C.W. Baxter.

- Mr. N. Butler.

- Dominions Intelligence Dept.

- Air Commodore K.C. Bass.

- Mr. D.A. Greenhill.

- Maj. Gen. A.J.C. Pollock.

- Mr. J.C. Robertson.

- General Sir L. Hollis.

- Grp. Capt. Stapleton.

- Mr. T.A.G. Charlton.

- Chief of Naval Staff.

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- Major G.de B. de Lisle.

- Lt. Col. M.M. Charteris.

- Chief of Air Staff.

- Private Secretary.

- Sir Henry Wilson Smith.

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SF.218-M.E./B.3.a./NR.

Special Branch,
(For the attention of Chief Inspector Jones).

We have been informed by our Palestine representative that ~~Jacob KATZ~~ ^{x decided 31.10.47} has applied for a U.K. visa for business purposes, to which they have raised no objection. His particulars are as follows:-

Address: 29, Gordon Street, Tel Aviv.
Born: Eitelfelst, 1898.
Occ.: Merchant.

Jacob KATZ was originally reported to us in August 1946 when he went to the U.S.A., as a suspected member of the I.Z.L. He returned to Palestine in October 1946 since when we have had no further reports about him.

NR

N. Riddell.

14th November, 1947.

NR/JMW.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

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13 NOV 1947

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

REF. FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 12th November, 1947.
R. 12th " " 15.35 hrs.

R5 14/11

No. 2139

per SF 18/115

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to Washington, No. 256.
" B.M.E.O. Cairo, No. 174 (please
pass copy to Ambassador and
C.-in-C.)
" Amman, No. 1547.
" by savingram to Damascus, No. 755.

Incidents.

This morning in Haifa 5 C.I.D. personnel, sitting in a cafe, were fired on with a Thompson sub-machine gun. One British Sergeant dead. Two British Sergeants and one British Constable dangerously injured.

2. Police and Military this morning entered a house south of Ra'nana occupied by a number of Jews and Jewesses heavily armed with automatic weapons. In ensuing gun fire, one girl was killed, three men and two girls were seriously wounded and one man and one girl were captured unhurt. No casualties to Security Forces.

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" " (M.E. Secretariat)	- Mr. D.A. Greenhill
" " "	- Major Gen. A.J.C. Pollock
M.I.5	- Mr. J.C. Robertson
Cabinet Offices	- Gen. Sir L. Hollis
" "	- Group Capt. Stapleton
" "	- Mr. T.A.G. Charlton
Admiralty	- Chief of Naval Staff
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" " (M.O.4)	- Lt. Col. M.M. Charteris
Air Ministry	- Chief of Air Staff
Ministry of Defence	- Private Secretary
" "	- Sir Henry Wilson Smith

21/11/47

H.O.16/11.46.

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

CX 88513
R.5.X.2.

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7th November, 1947.

NR
Dear Brown,

Scheduled on 7 SF218/ME

The attached list of amendments refers
to the Palestine Police notice sent you with
my CX 88513 dated September 19th. *294a*

Yours sincerely,

H.L. Brown, Esq.,
M.I.5.

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On 10 NOV 1947

TO..... *B3A*

REF..... *7 SF218/ME*

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ESCAPEES FROM ACRE PRISON: 4.5.47.

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|----|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. | Simcha OZER. | Killed. |
| 2. | Nissim KASSIS. | Captured. |
| 3. | Abraham FUDLUN. | " |
| 4. | Wolf ROSENBERG. | " |

ESCAPEES FROM ERITREA: 17.1.47.

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|----|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Itzhak YEZERNITSKY. | Captured. |) In French
hands. |
| 2. | Arieh BEN-ELIEZER. | " | |
| 3. | Yaacov VINIARSKY. | " | |
| 4. | Reuben FRANCO. | " | |
| 5. | Rahamin MIZRAHI. | " | |

ESCAPEE FROM CENTRAL PRISON
JERUSALEM: 1943.

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| 1. | Yacov LEVSTEIN. | Captured. | In French
hands. |
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REWARDS

WILL BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE TO ANY PERSON PROVIDING INFORMATION WHICH LEADS TO THE ARREST OF ANY OF THE ASCENDED CRIMINALS WHOSE DESCRIPTION APPEARS HEREUNDER AND WHO ESCAPED FROM CENTRAL PRISON ACRE ON SUNDAY 4th MAY, 1947.

REWARDS

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YOSIE BEN DAVID NACHEM
Last known address: 48 Main
"B" Street, Tel Aviv
Born: Jerusalem, Palestine
Nationality: Palestinian
Age: 32 years
Height: 175 centimeters
Build: Medium
Eyes: Gray
Nose: Large
Mouth and Teeth: Normal
Gold tooth right upper jaw
Hair: Black
Complexion: Fresh
Distinguishing Marks: Scar on
right forearm and under
right ear
Languages: English, Hebrew, A
rabic, French and Spanish

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 ٢ - وان الأمير العرفي - شرح زمام
 ٣ - يوسف رقم ١٩ - بن أبي
 ٤ - بن النزاله - القس - فلسطين
 ٥ - سية - فلسطين
 ٦ - رقم ٢٢ -
 ٧ - رقم ١٩٠ - سمندا
 ٨ - رقم ٢٠ -
 ٩ - بن - زبديان - الآف - كير
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 ١١ - النجعة التي في القلح العلوي
 ١٢ - مر - أسود - البيرة - غربة
 ١٣ - بن عازلة - جرح على السند
 ١٤ - الأمير واحد الأمير أبي
 ١٥ - التي تملكها - الإنجليزية والعربية
 ١٦ - فلسطين والآسية والآسية
 ١٧ - ماني - سافا

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BENJAMIN KAPLAN
Last known address: Beit Kaplan
Kfar Gashin "B" Petah Tikva
Born: Tel Aviv
Nationality: Palestinian
Age: 30 years
Height: 172 centimeters
Build: Medium
Eyes: Brown
Nose: Normal
Mouth and Teeth: Normal—good
Hair: Black
Complexion: Sallow — apple
pitted
Distinguishing Marks: High cheek
bones
Languages: Hebrew, little English
Arabic
Occupation: Carpenter.

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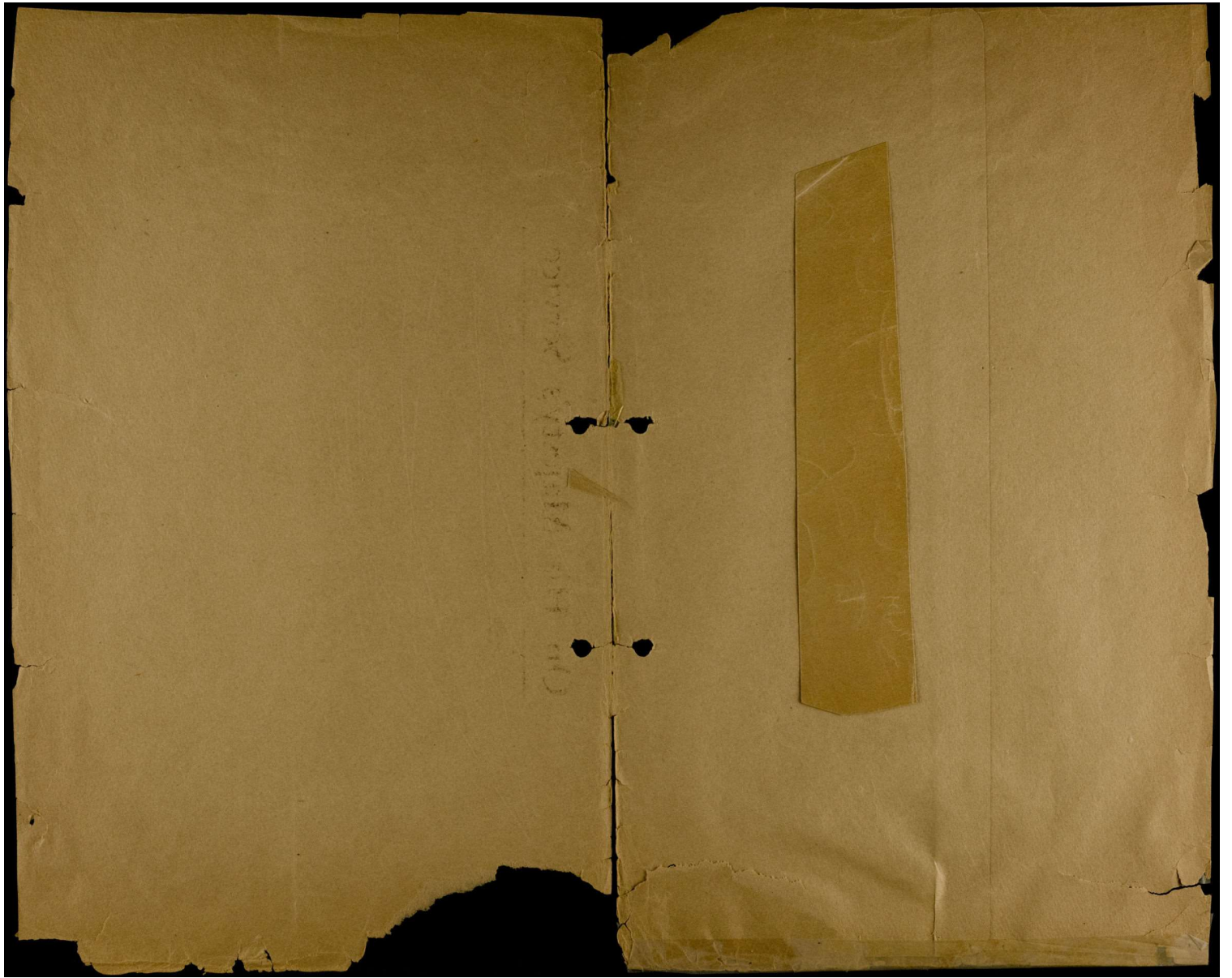
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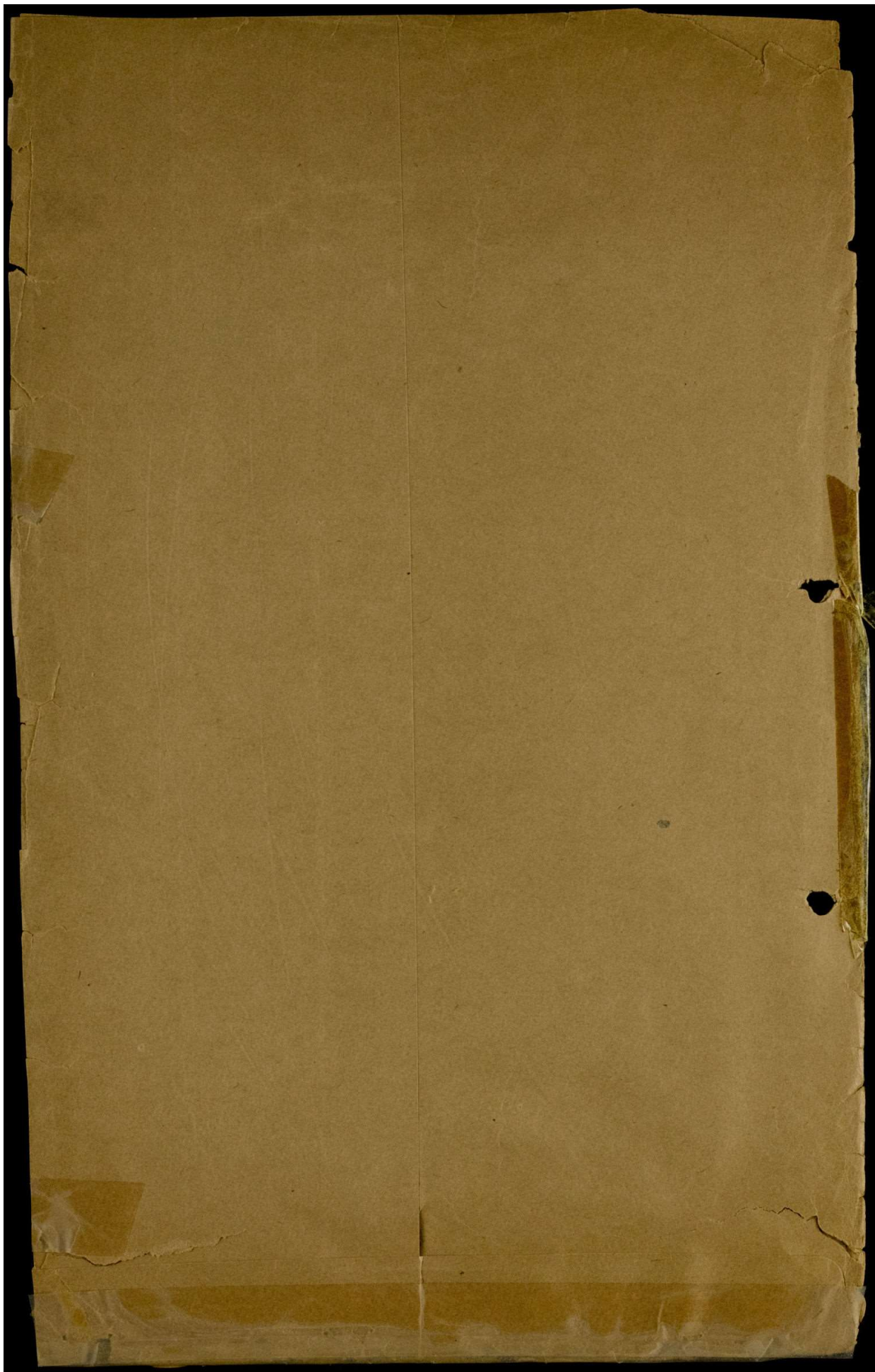
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On His Majesty's Service

Copies of notice issued by
Palestine Police concerning
arrest of absconded Jewish
criminals from Acre Prison
on 4.5.47.

See amendments at 312a.





INWARD TELEGRAM

7 NOV 1947

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

311A

PA in SF. 218/17E.

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 4th November, 1947.

R. 4th " " 17.25 hrs.

No. 2071

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Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington, No. 252.

" to Amman, No. 1514.

" by savingram to Cairo, No. 726.

" " " to E.M.E.O., No. 727.

" " " to C.-in-C., M.E.L.F. No. 728.

" " " to Damascus, No. 729.

Begins.

Terrorist incidents on 3rd and 4th November.

(i) At 1300 hours, unknown persons, described as Jews, shot and killed a Jewish Police Corporal employed in the C.I.D. at his home in Jerusalem.

(ii) At 1930 hours, two British members of a Police foot patrol were fired on from behind in Tel Aviv by unknown persons. One was dangerously, and one seriously, injured.

(iii) At 1955 hours, a B.C. standing outside a Police Station in Tel Aviv was fired on by a Jew and dangerously wounded. Other police personnel fired on the assailant and fatally wounded him. He was a Jew.

(iv) At 0115 hours, about ten Jews armed with pistols and sub-machine guns, raided the Apak Police Station in Tel Aviv and held up two B.C.'s and five Palestinian Constables. They released two Jewish youths arrested shortly before and stole a sub-machine gun, a rifle and a pistol. On leaving, they were fired on. Ends.

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310A

Director General,
Box 500,
Parliament Street, B.O.,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

S.I.M.E.,

General Headquarters,

Copy: D.S.O. PALESTINE

Middle East Land Forces

30th October, 1947.

Subject: Dr. Paul STRAHOVSKY
formerly Pavel STEINHAUER.

3070
Please refer to your S.F. 218/M.E./B.3.a/HJS
dated 20th October, 1947.

We have no record in this office of the
above-named.

N.W. Howard

N.W. HOWARD, Lieut.

for Head of S.I.M.E.

NWH/BCW.

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4 NOV 1947

TO B3A

REF SF 218/ME

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Extract for File No.: S.F. 218/MIDDLE EAST Name:
Original in File No.: S.F. 412/1 Serial: Receipt Date: 30.10.47.
Original from: S.I.S. (Destroyed) Under Ref.: CX 88513 Dated: 28.10.47.
Extracted on: 17.12.47. by: A.R. Section: R.4.

Extract from S.I.S. report re Palestine - Jewish preparations for defence.

The I.Z.L. and the Stern Gang.

Negotiations are stated to be proceeding between the I.Z.L. and the Stern Gang on the subject of common terrorist action in Syria and Iraq, and Jewish official quarters consider there are indications that an agreement will be reached in this matter. Nevertheless, the Stern Gang (regarded by the Jewish Agency as definitely under Soviet Influence) has openly declared the U.S.A. to be an enemy, while the I.Z.L. has reserved its attitude until a U.S. announcement of policy is made to the U.N.O. Such an announcement, the Jewish Agency believes, will have a large influence one way or the other in deciding the I.Z.L.'s ultimate decision towards collaboration with the Stern Gang.

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28th October, 1947.

OF.85/21/B3a/HLB.

Dear Rennie,

With reference to our conversation this afternoon, you may be interested to have the attached extract from a bulletin issued by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on 21.10.47. The bulletin quotes a message received from their branch in Jerusalem on 20.10.47.

Yours sincerely,

H. L. Brown

J. O. Rennie Esq.,
Foreign Office.

Enc:

HLB/MLB

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11/12/47

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Copy to: S.I.M.E., G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

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S.F.218/M.E/B.3.a/WJS.

D.S.O. Palestine.

I.Z.L. and Stern Group members.

305a
M.I.6. have received a report dated 1st October 1947 from their Brussels representative to the effect that the under-mentioned are reported by a reliable and well placed source to be members of either the I.Z.L. or Stern Group. All are stated to have been in Palestine at the time the report was written but they were expected to travel soon after to Belgium on a "mission" for their organisation. The Belgian authorities have been warned.

- (a) Leib KROJANCK.
- (b) Miriam KROJANCK, wife of (a)
- (c) Max KUTNER
- (d) Leib MEISEL
- (e) Ruth WOLOWELSKI

We have no likely traces of any of these persons.

M.I.6. have asked for any information or photographs which may be available so that they may send them to Brussels.

22nd October, 1947.

H.S.
for Sir Percy Sillitoe.

17/10/47
23.10.47

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: SF. 218/M.E. Name:
Original in File No.: SF. 75/Palestine/1 V.21. Serial: 734b. Receipt Date: 21.10.47.
Original from: S. of S. Colonies. Under Ref.: 1945. Dated: 18.10.47.
Extracted on: 14.11.47. by: TsT. Section: R.5.

Extract from Cypher telegram from Palestine to S. of S. Colonies -
Weekly Intelligence Appreciation re Jewish activities.

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7. Menachem BEIGIN, Commander of the N.M.O., in a press interview is quoted as saying that the fight against the British invader would continue until the last one left Palestine, and that there was no lull in operations, although the main attack had recently been unsuccessful. He added that N.M.O. was resolved to resist any plan to bisect "our home". Tactics of N.M.O.'s fight against partition would be decided when this theoretical question became an actuality, which he, BEIGIN, considered unlikely. Nevertheless, the dissidents have been quiescent during the week.

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Extract:-

21.10.47

Daily News Bulletin, issued by the
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Ltd.

Jerusalem, 20.10.47.

..... In a "special communique" issued to the press last night, the Irgun revealed that several clashes have taken place between HAGANAH and IRGUN units within the past few days. It added that "we retaliated and will continue to retaliate until HAGANAH's provocations against us cease."

Describing the clashes, the communique states that "several days ago, one of our soldiers was kidnapped, beaten up and tortured, but we punished one of the sadists responsible for this." Another incident occurred when a HAGANAH unit manoeuvring on the Sharon plain encountered an IRGUN unit, also on manoeuvres. The communique alleges that the HAGANAH members "opened fire on us but fortunately there were no casualties."

The IRGUN also alleged that HAGANAH units had fired on IRGUN members putting up pamphlets in Rehovoth and "beat up our girls." The communique warned: "We don't want to clash with HAGANAH but we shall not permit them to interfere with us. If fratricidal warfare breaks out, the responsibility will be theirs."

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21/10/47

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Copy to: S.I.M.E., G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

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S.F.218/M.E./B.3.a/HJS.

D.S.O. Palestine

Dr. Paul STRAHOVSKY, formerly
Pavel STEINHAUER.

M.I.6. have informed us that an anonymous letter dated 29th August 1947 addressed to the British Embassy in Prague gave the above-named as a prominent member of the Stern Group in Palestine. The Passport Control Officer in Prague has supplied the following information regarding STRAHOVSKY:-

"Pavel STRAHOVSKY, of Prague VII, Vinarska 21, born Trutnov 15.6.1912, Czech national; profession Physician; applied on 12.10.45. for visa to visit U.K. to see his wife Mrs. E. STEINHAUER-STRAHOVSKA of 11, Wigley Road, Scraptoft Lane, Leicester. Visa was refused by Home Office. Joined Czech Arm'd. Bde. Group in Middle East in 1942; was in U.K. August 1943 - Sept. 1944 and later in France; demobilised in Czechoslovakia Sept. 45. References in U.K.: P. Kingsley M.D., Burton Latimer, Norths.; Mrs. Dawson, 28 St. Albans Road, Bridlington, Yorks".

We have no trace in our records of this person and would be grateful if you could supply us with any information regarding his background as M.I.6. require any information you may have.

20th October, 1947.

H.S.
for Sir Percy Sillitoe.

M/S
23.10.47

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S.F.218/M.E/B.3.a/HJS.

20th October, 1947.

Dear

x Dr. Paul STRAHOVSKY, formerly
Pavel STEINHAEUER. x

With reference to your CX/88513/A
of 22nd September 1947, we have no traces
of the above-named and have asked our
Jerusalem representative what he knows
of this gentleman.

We have traces of, presumably, his
wife Elina STEINHAEUER, a Czech who lived
at 39 Abington Road, Leicester, in 1941,
and was on the Committee of the British
Czechoslovakian Friendship Club which was
reported at that time to be regarded as
Communistically inclined.

Yours

H.J. Seager.

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Held B3A.

TO B3A 16th October, 1947.

REF. 285 210 France Belgium

Dear Seager,

PA. 5 FV 18/ME.

HS. 2/10.

Jewish Illegal Immigration.

Our representative in Brussels has sent
the attached report on 5 alleged Terrorists.

We do not appear to have any previous
record of any of them. If you have any
information or photographs we would greatly
appreciate copies to send to Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

H.J. Seager, Esq.,
M.I. 5.
H.C. 75/11.46.

4/11/47
25.10.47.

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No. 3212

1st October 1947

BELGIUM - PALESTINE

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

JEWISH ACTIVITIES

The following information dated September 1947 has been received from a reliable and well placed source:-

1. Five people at present in PALESTINE are stated to be members of a terrorist organisation, which is either the IGHU EVAI LEUMI or the STERN GANG.

2. The names of these people are:-

(a) Leib KROJANCK X

(b) Miriam KROJANCK, X wife of (a)

(c) Max KUTNER X

(d) Leib MICHEL X

(e) Ruth WOLOWELSKI. X

3. All are expected to arrive in BELGIUM shortly on a "mission" for their organisation. The Belgian authorities are keeping a watch on frontier posts for their arrival.

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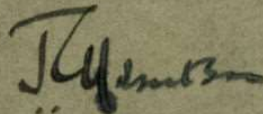
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16th October 1947.

Dear Fitzgerald,

Thank you very much for
letting me see the enclosed
C.I.D. report, concerning the
hanging of Sergeants Paice and
Martin, which I return herewith.

Yours sincerely,



J.C. Robertson.

E.N. Fitzgerald Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

JCR/JE

23/10/47

INWARD TELEGRAM

15 OCT 1947

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 13th October, 1947.

R. 14th

06.45 hrs.

No. 1911 ✓

PA. 5 F 218 / M E -

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington, No. 241.

" Amman, No. 1394.

" by airmail to MEMIN Cairo, No. 676.

" H.M. Ambassador,

Cairo, No. 677.

" C.-in-C. M.E.L.F.,

No. 678.

" Damascus, No. 679.

Terrorist incidents.

1. At 1935 hours on 12th October a bomb exploded at the entrance to the Polish Consulate Jerusalem, causing slight damage and no (repeat no) casualties.

2. At 1955 hours in Jerusalem a grenade was thrown at a police armoured car in Jerusalem. No damage or casualties.

3. At 1215 hours today an explosion occurred outside the American Consulate in Jerusalem, causing damage and slight injuries to two persons.

2. Item 3 is subject to confirmation of details.

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17.10.47

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 Secretariat)

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- Lt. Col. M.M. Charteris
- Chief of Naval Staff
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- Sir Henry Wilson Smith

P. A. S. F. 218 / M. E.

To... MI 5 [Mr. Scherz]

You may be interested in the
attached.....

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Maj. GS.

15.10.47

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Recd:- 10 Oct 47

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D.T.O:- 090845B Oct

To :- War Office

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Distribution by MI 3A.

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B.3.17
You may care to see
Pl. return. *TLu* *302*

The Church House,
Gt. Smith Street,
London, S.W.1.

October 10, 1947.

Dear Robertson

I enclose for your information
a C.I.D. report from Jerusalem,
concerning the recent hanging of two
British sergeants.

As it is our only copy, perhaps
you would be good enough to return
it after perusal.

Yours sincerely

Edward M. Peale

J. C. ROBERTSON, ESQ.

13 OCT 1947
23/10/47

Mr. Seagrave 302
411137
m.i. 3 (a) have informed F.O.
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3 advance copies to MI3 at 0600 hrs 11 Oct 47.

1 copy to be rtd to Message Control Room 018 with disbn.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 3rd October, 1947.

R. 3rd " " 19.30 hrs.

No. 1846

(Pa SF 218/ME

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington as No. 233.

" " Amman, No. 1331.

" by savingram to Memin, Cairo, No. 643.

" " " " H.M.A. Cairo, No. 644.

" " " " C.-in-C., M.E.L.F., No. 645.

" " " " Damascus, No. 646.

HS.
8/10.

Terrorist incidents on 2nd October.

(1) At 1400 hours a bomb exploded outside a shop owned by a Greek grocer in Jerusalem, causing extensive local damage but no casualties. This incident is presumably connected with the Arab boycott of Zionist goods.

(2) At 2030 hours on the Hadra-Affuleh Road, S.W.D., truck was blown up by a mine. One British Officer and seven B.C.R.s were slightly injured.

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Held R5300a

Extract for File No.: SF.218/M.E. Name:

Original in File No.: Destroyed Serial: Receipt Date:

Original from: Daily News Bulletin Under Ref: Dated: 5.10.47.

Extracted on: 14.10.47. by: SS Section: R4

Extract from Daily News Bulletin, issued by the Jewish
Telegraphic Agency Ltd. Vol. XXVIII No. 227 Dated 5.10.47.

Stern Group Suspends Activities.

The Stern Group last night announced that they would cease their activities until the conclusion of the present session of the United Nations. This truce would not, however, affect the organisation's "reactions to British provocations." The Stern Group noted the British declaration to withdraw from Palestine but added it would "wait and see" if the promise were carried out.

Sel to SF218/ME

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Irgun Ready To Co-Operate With Jewish Agency If Partition Plan Dropped.

Readiness to co-operate in the formation of a Jewish provisional Government, "even with the Jewish Agency," if the latter presses for the establishment of a Jewish State in an undivided Palestine, was expressed in a broadcast from the clandestine station of the Irgun Zvai Leumi on the eve of the meeting of the National Assembly.

and on his return will report to the Secretary of State and the Attorney General on the progress of the displaced persons programme inaugurated by President Truman in December, 1945.

Urging the immediate establishment of a provisional Government, the broadcast said that its primary task would be the "repatriation of Jews to Palestine." Once this was accomplished, the provisional Government should hold general elections to a Parliament which would appoint a permanent Government.

Whilst charging that Mr. Grech Jones's announcement to the United Nations ad hoc committee was "bluff", the broadcast emphasised that nevertheless a new political situation had been created by the announcement. The Palestine Government had entered the stage of "political liquidation", creating a vacuum which must be filled immediately by Jewish action.

If Mr. Ben-Gurion were not in favour of partition, the Irgun would have no objection to his being chosen head of the provisional Government, the broadcast said, but as it is, somebody else, not committed to the partition proposal, must take his place.

BREAK BRITISH BLOCKADE OF PALESTINE: REFUGEE BOAT BROADCASTS
APPEAL TO UNITED NATIONS.

Jerusalem, Oct. 2nd. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

An appeal to the United Nations to break the British blockade of Palestine was made in a broadcast transmitted from the refugee boat "Redemption" tonight. The broadcast stated that the ship is carrying 1,500 passengers, including many children and expectant mothers.

"We are approaching the shores of Palestine," the broadcast announced. "Our vessel is surrounded by seven British warships and we are expecting any minute a British attack. We can already see sailors wearing steel helmets but our spirits are unbroken. We have fought Hitler and we will fight the British. We have lost everything and have nothing to lose."

EXTRACT.

Held R5.299a

Extract for File No. S.F. 218/Middle East. Name:

Original in File No. Destroyed. Serial: None Receipt Date: None.

Original from: Daily News Bulletin. Under Ref: None. Dated: 3.10.47.

Extracted on: 15.10.47 by: SGT Section: R4.

Extract from the Daily News Bulletin, issued by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Ltd. vol. XXVIII, No. 226, dated 3.10.47.

INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

3 OCT 1947 224

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En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 30th September, 1947.

R. 30th " " 19.25 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 1836

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington, No. 232.

" " Amman, No. 1304.

" " by saving to Memin Cairo, No. 635. 3/10.

" " " " H.M. Ambassador, Cairo, No. 636.

" " " " C.-in-C., M.E.L.F. No. 637.

" " " " Damascus No. 638.

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Incident Report.

(18)

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(a) At 1756 hours 29th September on the Lydda-Petah Tiqvah road a rivet type mine exploded beneath an army jeep, slightly injuring two British soldiers. A group of persons in the vicinity opened fire on four other British soldiers from the jeep who were investigating area in vicinity of explosion. Fire was returned and one of the attackers is believed to have been hit.

(b) At 2000 hours 29th September in Jerusalem an explosion occurred in compound at rear of Immigration Offices. No damage or casualties. It is believed that a stick of gelignite was thrown into the compound from the street.

(c) At 1138 hours 30th September a mine exploded beneath the engine of the Cairo-Haifa train 38 kilos south of Haifa. The engine, tender and two front coaches were derailed. One Arab passenger was removed to hospital suffering from shock.

(d) At 1329 hours 30th September a bomb exploded in an Arab shop in Jerusalem causing damage but no casualties. Motive presumably enforcement of boycott.

INWARD TELEGRAM

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

D. 29th September, 1947.

R. 29th

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09.30 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 1824

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Following personal for Trafford Smith. Begins.

Haifa Police Headquarters were attacked at 06.00 hours this morning by dissidents. Attack was delivered by a lorry carrying a large steel elevated ramp which, as lorry passed the building, permitted a barrel type bomb to roll over the perimeter wire. Heavy explosion followed. Some structural damage to building. Casualties not yet accurately determined but ten (repeat ten) British Constables are said to be seriously injured. Lorry, cab of which was fitted with bullet proof shutters, was found abandoned. Details to follow. Ends.

(C.S.D. informed)

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- Mr. W. Graham, M.B.E.

Held. R5. 22/9.

1 OCT 1947

COLONIAL OFFICE TELEGRAM

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En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 29th September, 1937.

R. 29th " 13.05 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 1827

Pa. SF 218/ME

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Addressed to the S. of S. offices

Repeated to Washington,

" Amman,

by savingram to Memin, Cairo,

" H.M. Ambassador,

" Cairo,

" C-in-C., M.E.A.F.,

" Damascus.

No. 228.

No. 1288.

No. 629.

No. 630.

No. 631.

No. 632.

Begin.

At 0600 hours today a commercial vehicle No. M 286 U approached District Police Headquarters Haifa and drew up beside the security fence. Vehicle carried a tar barrel bomb and was fitted with a specially designed ramp at the rear, the bomb was allowed to roll from this ramp over the security fence. It came to rest against the building.

2. Shortly afterwards a heavy explosion occurred causing a number of casualties and extensive damage to that part of the building facing Kingsway.

3. The vehicle involved was later found abandoned in Khamra Square. A hand grenade and a safety lever were found in it. Two persons, supposedly Jews, were seen running away from the truck.

4. Casualty roll up to date is:-

Dead - 3 British Police, 2 Palestinian Police, 2 temporary Arab constables, 1 male and 1 female civilian, believed Arab.

Seriously injured - 3 British Constables.

Slightly injured - 27 British Constables, 17 Arab civilians.

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- Sir Henry Wilson Smith.

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

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PA 5F218/ME HS-2910

CX/88513/A dd. 22nd September 1947.
(R.5. Deputy).

Dear Mr. Seager,

An anonymous letter dated 29.8.47 addressed to the British Embassy in Prague gives the name of ~~Dr. Paul STRAHOVSKY~~ formerly ~~Pavel STEINHAUER~~, as a prominent member of the STERN Gang in Palestine.

We have no record of these ~~people~~ here, but P.C.O. Prague has the following information on them:-

"Pavel STRAHOVSKY, of Prague VII, Vinarska 21, born TRUTNOV 15.6.1912, Czech national; profession Physician; applied on 12.10.45 for visa to visit U.K. to see his wife Mrs. E. STEINHAUER-STRAHOVSKA of 11, Wigley Road, Scraptoft Lane, Leicester. Visa was refused by Home Office. Joined Czech Armd. Bde. Group in Middle East in 1942; was in U.K. August 1943 - Sept. 1944 and later in France; demobilised in Czechoslovakia Sept. 1945. References in U.K.: P. Kingsley M.D., Burton Latimer, Norths.; Mrs. Dawson, 28 St. Albans Rd., Bridlington, Yorks."

Would you let me know if you have any traces?

Yours sincerely,

24 SEP 1947

B3A.

S.J. Seager Esq.,
M.I.5.

H.O.16./11.46.

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SF.218/Palestine/B.3a/HLB.

23rd September, 1947.

To: D.S.O. Palestine & Transjordan.

H/S.I.M.E., G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

Subject: Rev. A.N. MICHAELSON.

We are informed by our representative in Washington that, according to what is described as a "reliable source" of H.M. Consulate-General in Los Angeles, the Rev. A.N. MICHAELSON, who is Pastor of the First Hebrew Christian Synagogue, 2209 Michigan Avenue, Los Angeles, recently transferred by cable the sum of \$12,800 (12,000) to a Mr. Kiva A. Prout, c/o Freeman & Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 35 Jerusalem.

This sum was transferred through Thomas Cook and Sons at Los Angeles and the person who supplied the information is convinced that it was not a normal business transaction but might be connected with subscriptions for the underground movement in Palestine.

We have no trace in our records of MICHAELSON or Kiva PROUT. We should be interested to know whether you are able to confirm the report of this transaction between the two men and to throw any light on the object of it.

H.L.Brown

HLB/UB.

for Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Kylo
11/10/47

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

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CI/88513 dated 19th Sept. 1947.
(R.5. Deputy):

Dear Mr. Brown, ¹⁶

You might like to have the attached copies of a notice issued by the Palestine Police concerning the arrest of absconded Jewish criminals from the Central Prison, Acre on 4th May, 1947.

Yours sincerely,

H. Loftus Brown Esq.,
M.I.5.

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TO	B2A ✓
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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

W.200

To: Director-General of the Security Service,
(Attention of B.3.a.)
Box No. 500, Parliament Street, B.O.,
London, S.W. 1.

Subject: *X* Rev. A.N. MICHAELSON *X*

- N.H.T. under - A. N.T. SEE 17. ix. 47. 11/9*
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 3. You will no doubt wish to let D.S.O. Palestine have this information and we should be grateful for any confirmation of its accuracy.

5th September 1947.

R. Thistlethwaite
R. Thistlethwaite.

(copy to B.3.b.
for information)

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

17 SEP 1947

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En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

D. 11th September, 1947.

R. 11th

13.05 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 1717

PA in SF. 218/M.E.

B34

Addressed Secretary of State.

Repeated to Washington, No. 217.

" by savingram to Amman, No. 1247.

" to B.M.E.O. Cairo, No. 574.

" " Ambassador Cairo, No. 575.

" " Commander-in-Chief M.E.L.F., No. 576.

" " Damascus, No. 577.

Incident Report.

Between 20.30 and 20.40 hours 10th September four explosions occurred at Consolidated Refineries, Limited, installations near Haifa. Three tanks and a stabilizer were damaged but not extensively. No fire occurred and there were no casualties.

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" " "	-	Sir Henry Wilson Smith.

11 SEP 1947

INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

D. 8th September, 1947.

R. 8th " " 11.25 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 1689

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington, No. 215.

" " Amman, No. 1239.

" by airmail to B.M.E.O.

" " " " Ambassador Cairo,

" " " " C.-in-C. M.E.L.F.

" " " " Damascus.

Incident Report.

(a) At 08.30 hours 5th September, five armed Jews entered jewellers shop in Tel Aviv, held up the staff and escaped with jewels and valuables worth £2,000.

(b) During evening and night of 4th September, twenty Jewish members of the staff of the Income Tax Department in Tel Aviv were visited at their homes by persons claiming to represent the Stern Group and warned that if they did not resign from Government Service within four days the consequences would be serious.

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29 SEP 1947

COLONIAL OFFICE TELEGRAM

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (O. A. G.)

D. 4th September, 1947.
R. 4th " " 15.00 hrs.

No. 1679, X

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated Washington No. 212.
" B.M.E.O. Cairo No. 167.
(please pass copy to Ambassador
and C.-in-C.)
" Amman No. 1232.
" Damascus No. 1233.

Incident report.

At 13.00 hours 2nd September two explosions occurred in locksmiths workshop in Tel Aviv and one Jewish labourer was killed. In subsequent search of the shop police found 4 mortar bombs, 2 revolvers, a pistol, a mine contraption with clock believed to be part of a time bomb and 300 bell pushes.

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EXTRACT.

288b

Extract for File No.: S.F. 218/Middle East. Name:
Original in File No.: P.F.N.E. 932. Serial: 460a. Receipt Date: 4.9.47.
Original from: M.I.6. Under Ref.: 99514. Dated: 2.9.47.
Extracted on: 12th September 1947. by: B.P.N. Section: B.3.a.

Extract from report from Colonial Office No.80 dated 2.9.47., forwarded
by M.I.6., re Palestine - The Mufti and the Arab Resistance. The

Activities of the Mufti.

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(ii) The Mufti has learnt that 12 members of the Stern Gang have gone to Egypt to assassinate him. He has informed the Egyptian authorities and increased his body-guard from 12 to 24 men.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

283A 97~
Mr Hornby
Mr Seaper

2 SEP 1947

En Clair

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 27th August, 1947.

R. 27th " " 13.30 hrs.

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IMMEDIATE

No. 1632

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Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Washington, No. 206.

" " B.M.E.O. Cairo, No. 165 (please
pass copy to Ambassador and
Commander-in-Chief).

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" " Amman, No. 1192.

" by savingram to Damascus, No. 531.

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**Incident Report (last in this series was
dated August 22nd)**

(a) At 12.00 hours 26th August in Jerusalem
bomb placed by unknown Arab exploded in Arab shop causing
considerable damage, but no casualties. Motive believed
to be enforcement of boycott.

(b) At 23.40 hours 26th August gang of
Yemenite Jews entered Jewish Settlement in Samaria
District for purpose of posting Stern Group pamphlets.
A clash between the gang and members of the Colony
ensued in which three Colonists were slightly injured,
and Yemenites then withdrew. Ends.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

En Clair

2 SEP 1947

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

D. 30th August, 1947.
R. 30th " " 15.10 hrs.

IMMEDIATE
No. 1652

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" " B.M.E.O. Cairo No. 166 (please pass
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" " Amman No. 1214.
" " Damascus by saving No. 540.

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Incident Report.

(A) At 23.30 hours 29th August Superintendent of Police Lydda District, a British Sergeant of Police, his wife and an Arab Temporary Additional Constable, were travelling in Superintendent's car from Lydda Airport to Jaffa when they were called on to halt by six armed men believed to be Arab bandits. When the Superintendent failed to stop shots were fired by the bandits wounding the Superintendent and wife of the Sergeant. Condition of Sergeant's wife today is dangerous and of Superintendent satisfactory.

(B) There were two diamond robberies in Tel Aviv shortly before 14.00 hours 29th August carried out by armed Jews. Total value of stolen goods is approximately \$12,500.
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CUBIST reports HAMASHKIF in TEL AVIV has informed Revisionist Jewish Standard London of its ability carry on in spite of detention of eight members of its staff including REMBA, BADER, WEISEL, ROSENFELD, KALMAN, but has urgently requested financial aid.

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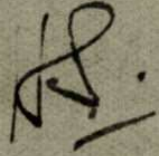
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Thank you for your 75969/1/47 of
23rd August 1947 enclosing copy of
C.I.D. Palestine Police report on the
Stern Group, I.Z.L. and Hagana which
we have found most interesting.

Enclosed is your copy of the report
in question. I have had a copy made
for our records.

Yours



H.J. Seager.

M.E. Fitzgerald, Esq.,
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The Jewish Agency and terrorism.

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Resignation of Moshe Kolodny.

(iii) It is reported independently, however, that ~~Mr. Moshe Kolodny~~, the
deputy member of the Jewish Agency Executive, who has for a long time urged
the Executive to take active steps against the dissidents and to cooperate
with the authorities, has now resigned from the Executive, stating that

there

there is no possibility of performing any useful work at the Agency.

Views of the I.Z.L.

(iv) The I.Z.L. are reported to consider that the arrests have broken the united front against terrorism and that the Jewish Agency have seized on them as an excuse to ease their pressure on the terrorists.

(v) The I.Z.L. believed that Agency pressure was going to take the form of calling upon employers to refuse work to those suspected of terrorism and municipalities to refuse any form of relief.

Russian aid to the I.Z.L.

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(vi) Certain members of the I.Z.L. are reported to have said that they had a new explosive which had something to do with plastic and that they were receiving Russian help with this, both in supply and instruction. These men also referred to a "jungle gun" with telescopic range finders.

The differences in the I.Z.L.

(vii) The differences of opinion in the I.Z.L. previously reported are now believed to have been composed.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 22nd August, 1947.

R. 22nd "

14.35 hrs.

IMMEDIATE ✓

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" " Washington, No. 203.

" " S.M.E.O. Cairo, No. 164. (please pass copy to Ambassador and C-in-C).

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Incident Report.

(a) At 11.30 hours 21st August road mine exploded near Nathanya as W.D. vehicle was passing. One A.C.R. seriously and one slightly injured.

(b) At 13.30 hours 21st August in Haifa two armed Arabs held up Ottoman Bank officials, stole £10,000 and got away in stolen motor vehicle. Police later captured one of the robbers, but money has not been recovered.

(c) At 14.00 hours 21st August a bomb exploded in Arab hardware shop in Jerusalem. Extensive damage no casualties. Warning thrown into shop shortly before explosion indicated action taken by Arabs in enforcement of boycott.

(d) At 23.00 hours 21st August shots fired at Police Headquarters Jerusalem. Fire was returned. No known casualties. Ends.

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Extract from S.I.S. report on Palestine - Disagreements
in the I.Z.L.

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Stern Gang.

v) According to the
Stern Gang are preparing to use tear gas and "corrosive
liquids" in their attacks against military objectives and are
trying to obtain samples of anti-tank bombs of Russian origin
from the Greek guerillas or from any other sources.

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Headquarters,
The Palestine Police Force,
(Criminal Investigation Department)
Jerusalem.

15th July, 1947.

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CHIEF SECRETARY.

Subject:- Intelligence Summary No. 10/47

SECURITY

JEWISH AFFAIRS.

There are indications that negotiations between commands of the National Military Organization and the Stern Group have been carried out with a view to securing closer cooperation between, or even amalgamation of the two organizations. A reliable source commenting on the negotiations listed the following factors advantageous to the terrorists, in support of amalgamation:-

- (a) The events leading up to the formation of the Stern Group (i.e. in particular, the armistice declared by the N.M.O. at the outbreak of war is no longer in force).
- (b) Growing "persecution" by the Hagana, rendering counter-action necessary.
- (c) Increasing numerical strength of the N.M.O. (proportionately greater than that of the Stern Group).
- (d) The better financial position of the N.M.O. as compared with the Stern Group. (Source remarks that Hagana action against extortion is having a greater effect on the Stern Group than the N.M.O. as the latter are receiving assistance from the Bergson Group. It is possible that as a result of the Bergson Group's success in raising funds the Stern Group may start a collection in the U.S.A.).
- (e) There is strong inclination in Stern Group ranks to join the N.M.O.

2. On the other hand it is pointed out, differences of opinion on a number of points may prove unsurmountable. They are:-

- (i) Policy of assassination which, in general, the N.M.O. opposes.
- (ii) In the event of amalgamation the Stern Group, being in the minority, will have to adhere to N.M.O. discipline although obtaining a proportionate number of senior positions (source states that a status equal to that of Menachem Beigin is being demanded for the Stern Group leaders).
- (iii) Dispute over the future name of the combined organization.

3. Whereas in terrorist ranks there are increasing signs of rapprochement, the Hagana is displaying alarming tendencies to division, source states, and the high command is faced with the opposition of two groups - left and right.

According to reports the left group is concentrating around the Mishmar Bnei Hauma, whose members are drawn mainly from the Hashomer Hatzair, Aliya Hadasha, Mapai moderates and Smilansky's adherents. They are demanding an all-out drive against the terrorists without cooperation with Government.

The group in opposition to this policy is drawn mainly from the right wing Zionist parties, including the extremists within the Mapai, the older members being concentrated around Liebenstein and his journal "Beitarem", whilst the younger right wing elements in Palmach have drawn together in a group which is now said to be publishing "Lameri". They are reported to be not only opposed to action against the terrorists, but are demanding that the Hagana should adopt an active role in the struggle, as prior to the 29th June, 1946, which alone, they argue will put an end to separatist activities.

Source states that they are threatening that if their line of action is rejected they will break away from the Hagana to form a group of their own to cooperate with or join the N.M.O. Source maintains that such are not empty threats, as individuals have already left the Hagana and joined the N.M.O. and the numbers are liable to increase.

According to the report these recalcitrant Hagana members are fully in support of Sneh and, should they break away may band together under his leadership.

Source continues to state that the Hagana High Command insist that they cannot return to "activism", at least not while a final decision is awaited from U.N.O. In its anxiety to avoid a serious rift in the ranks the Hagana High Command has been compelled to withhold open cooperation with the security forces and only partly implement the anti-terrorist decisions of the Zionist and Yishuv's institutions.

Source states that even further concessions have been made to the right wing by the Hagana Command removing itself from the domination of the Jewish Agency Political Department. Since Mrs. Meyerson assumed control of the Department, relations with the Hagana are said to have deteriorated under Right-Wing pressure within the Hagana. Source points out that the Command's intention to maintain close relations with the Political Department was supported by the Right Wing, provided that

security matters came within the jurisdiction of Sneh instead of Meyerson, a course which was rejected by both the latter and the Hagana Command. Sneh's transfer to Paris, largely as a result of this difference of opinion, was regarded by the Right Wing of the Hagana as a severe blow to their prestige.

At one time, according to reports, relations were so strained that the Hagana's Right-Wing threatened general disobedience if Meyerson's interference in security matters did not cease, and as a result the Command decided to remove themselves from domination by the Political Department, and establish direct contact with Ben Gurion or his deputy.

In this move, together with the grant of complete autonomy under Sassoon to the Arab Section, is found the reason for Mrs. Meyerson's rejected "resignation on the grounds of ill-health".

During Mrs. Meyerson's leave of absence, Shertok will endeavour to straighten out matters in the Department.

(signed) J.P.I.Fforde.
for INSPECTOR GENERAL.

25 AUG 1947

A. G. Seager, Esq.,
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20th August, 1947.

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In your despatch No. 36 of the 28th June about the two escaped Jewish terrorists in Jibuti, you suggested that passport facilities should, in future, be denied to Youssouf Mecha, who, although a British subject, had consistently attempted to frustrate your efforts to secure the "refoulement" of these men.

2. Careful consideration has been given to this proposal. Youssouf Mecha does not appear to have committed any criminal act which might justify the cancellation of his existing passport. But I agree that you should not grant him any further passport facilities without reference to London. His passport will require renewal in September 1949.

3. I am grateful for the energetic manner in which you have dealt with the case of the two escaped terrorists.

4. I am sending a copy of this despatch to His Majesty's Ambassador, Paris.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd.) P. Canan.

D. Boam, Esq.,
His Majesty's Consul,
Jibuti.

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Subject: JEWISH TERRORIST ESCAPE ORGANISATION.

We recently received information from a source which has proved fairly reliable in another matter, that the Headquarters of a Jewish escape organisation is in Aden.

We have no more definite information about this but the following points make the allegation appear worth investigation.

1. Youssef MECHA, a Jew, born in Aden in 1875, a Rabbi in Djibouti, was extremely active in attempting to obtain the release of Arish BEN ELIEZER and Itzhak YESSEWITZKY, two Jewish Terrorist escapees who were arrested by the French authorities in Djibouti. He is also thought to have briefed the Counsel for the Defence of these two Jews and to have supplied the funds for their defence. MECHA also applied for visas for six Jews, five of whom afterwards proved to be terrorist escapees from detention.
2. Solomon Shalom SHELEMAY, or Shalom SHELEMAY, a Jew, born in Aden in 1920, at present living in Addis Ababa, has on two occasions been involved in the harbouring of Jewish escapees. We understand that the British Legation in Addis Ababa has written to you about this man.
3. We have received information, from the same source as alleged that the Headquarters of the escape organisation was in Aden, that the S.S. SHIKMONA is believed to act as a link for Jewish terrorists along the Red Sea to Aden. The SHIKMONA is a steam vessel of some 1100 tons owned by a Wilhelm GOTTESMAN, Palestinian, of Haifa. GOTTESMAN himself is not thought to have any political connections; he is the manager of the United Shipping Agency Ltd. P.O.B. 1257, Haifa.

In the cases of both MECHA and SHELEMAY, it has been suggested to the Foreign Office that their British passports and other privileges be withdrawn in view of their ~~what amount to~~ anti-British activities.

We shall be grateful for your comments on the above points, both individually and as tending to support the allegation that Aden contains the Headquarters of a Jewish escape organisation.

W.M.T. MAGAN
Head of S.I.M.E.

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22 AUG 1947

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 20th August, 1947.

R. 20th " " 15.35 hrs.

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" to Amman, No. 1168.

" Washington, No. 200.

" Damascus, No. 509 by airmail.

" MacGillivray, Geneva, No. 1169.

Incident report.

(a) At 15.30 hours 18th August in Rehovot, a Jewish owned packing factory was damaged by fire. Arson is suspected and an Egyptian has been detained.

(b) At 21.40 hours 18th August a Jew was arrested in Jerusalem in possession of Stern Gang pamphlets and a dagger.

(c) At 09.00 hours 19th August in Petachtiqva, a Jew was assaulted with an iron bar by two Arabs. Not seriously injured.

(d) At 09.30 hours 19th August a Jew travelling in an Arab bus between Gaza and Beersheba was attacked with daggers by Arab passengers. He was seriously injured.

(e) At 17.00 hours 19th August in Rishon-le-Zion a shot was fired at a Jewish bus from a military type vehicle. One Jewish passenger slightly injured. Shortly afterwards in the same Colony a shot was fired from a similarly described vehicle at another bus and a Jewish passenger was fatally injured.

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(f) At 03.30 hours 20th August in Yemin Moshe quarter of Jerusalem an arms cache was found in a Jewish school during a Military Police search. It consisted of 32 pistols, 15 SMLE rifles, 2 birecta sub-machine guns, 401 grenades and 4,609 rounds of ammunition.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

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"	"	Washington, No. 198.
"	"	Damascus, No. 506 by savingram
"	"	Geneva, No. 1158. (MacGillivray.)

Incident report.

(a) At 1550 hours 17th August an Arab was attacked by Jews in a cafe in Tel Aviv near the Jaffa border. He escaped into the street where he was attacked by other Jews, stabbed and fatally injured.

(b) At 0850 hours 17th August three shots were fired at a Jewish bus on the Jerusalem-Jaffa Road. A Jewish girl passenger was slightly injured.

(c) At 1915 hours 17th August an Arab was attacked by a Jew on Tel Aviv sea front and slightly injured.

(d) During the past two days fires have damaged one Arab shop, group of three Jewish factories, and a Jewish owned timber yard. Arson is suspected in each case, but it is not known if the motive was political.

(e) The curfew area on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv Border has been extended.

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